Committee minute



Strathclyde Partnership for Transport Minute of the Strategy & Programmes Committee

14 June 2024

held in person at 131 St Vincent Street and via Video Conference

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Minute of the meeting of Strathclyde Partnership for Transport's Strategy & Programmes Committee held at 131 St Vincent Street and via Video Conference* on 14 June 2024

Present Councillors

Councillors Alan Moir (Chair), Gordon Blair*, William Lennox*, Christy Mearns, Malcolm Mitchell*, John Ross*, Duncan Townson* and David Wilson* and appointed members Anne Follin, George Hazel*, Ed McGrachan and Andrew Walters*

Attending

Valerie Davidson, Chief Executive; Lesley Aird, Director of Finance & Corporate Support; Richard Robinson, Director of Transport Operations; Bruce Kiloh, Head of Policy & Planning, Andrea Thompson, Head of Corporate Communications; Jim Griffin, Senior Solicitor/Clerk and Councillor Donald Reid

The Partnership agreed at its meeting of 12 March 2021, following consideration of Standing Order No 14, for the recording of Committee and Partnership meetings, and that such recordings would be made available together with the minute of meetings.

Chair's opening remarks

The Chair welcomed Councillor Gordon Blair to his first SPT committee meeting and welcomed Councillor Mearns back to SPT after a period of maternity leave.

1. Apologies

Apologies were submitted from Councillors Stephen Dornan and Owen O'Donnell.

2. Declaration of interest in terms of the Ethical Standards in Public Life etc (Scotland) Act 2000

Cllr Moir reaffirmed his declaration of interest citing his employment with Scotrail and as a member of ASLEF, the trade union.

3. Minute of previous meeting

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The minute of the meeting of 23 February 2024, having been considered and agreed at the Partnership meeting of 15 March 2024 as a correct record, was duly noted.

4. Strategic Issues Update for the SPT area

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 4 June 2024 by the Head of Policy and Planning advising the Committee on strategic-level issues affecting transport in the west of Scotland.

Having heard from Mr Kiloh, Mrs Aird & Mr Robinson in response to members' questions particularly with regard to:

- the timescales and funding arrangements, if any, for a flat-fares pilot;
- progress of the Strathclyde Regional Bus Strategy and obtaining data from operators;
- the potential impact of increased ZoneCard prices on Subway patronage

the Committee noted the contents of the report.

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5. People and Place Programme

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 4 June 2024 by the Head of Policy and Planning recommending the Committee approve SPT's proposed People and Place Programme (PPP) for 2024/2025, funded by Transport Scotland.

After hearing from Mr Kiloh and Mrs Davidson in response to members' questions particularly with regard to:

- · details of the projects for which funding is being sought; and
- the limited scope of spend of the funding i.e. active travel and behavioural change

the Committee:

- (i) noted the contents of the report and that Mr Kiloh will provide a summary of all of the projects approved for funding;
- (ii) approved the People and Place Programme "Priority" projects to be delivered in 2024/2025 as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report;
- (iii) agreed to Grant Fund the councils and other delivery partners for those awards for the "Priority" projects up to the value of £200,000 and authorised that grant award letters be concluded in line with good governance arrangements;
- (iv) agreed to recommend to the Partnership meeting of 28 June 2024 approval to Grant Fund councils and other delivery partners for the "Priority" projects with a cumulative value greater than £200,000; and
- (v) noted the People and Place Programme "Pipeline" projects as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report.

6. Depot Protection System – Award of contract

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There was a report (issued) of 8 May 2024 by the Director of Transport Operations, recommending the Committee approve the award of a contract to Story Contracting Limited for the design and installation of a Depot Protection System at Broomloan Depot.

Having heard from Mr Robinson, the Committee approved the award of a contract to Story Contracting Limited for a value of up to £823,968 for the design and installation of a Depot Protection System at Broomloan Depot, the contract being awarded through the existing yard, track and civils works contract.

7. Security Stewarding Contract Variation

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 28 May 2024 by the Director of Transport Operations recommending the Committee approve an increase to the value of the current contract for security stewarding associated with major events in the vicinity of Glasgow Subway.

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Having heard from Mr Robinson and Mrs Davidson, the Committee noted the importance of ensuring the safety of SPT staff, customers and assets and approved an increase to the overall budget and contract value with Security Scotland Stewarding to £356,000.

8. Insurance Renewal

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 22 May 2024 by the Director of Finance & Corporate Support updating the Committee on the renewal of SPT's insurance policies and noting the award of corresponding contracts.

Having heard from Mrs Aird and Mrs Davidson in response to members' questions particularly relating to:

- the reasons for the increase in costs from previous years; and
- the number of claims received by SPT

the Committee noted the award of the insurance policies under delegated powers as detailed in the report.