

Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Minute of Operations Committee

24 January 2020

held in 131 St Vincent Street, Glasgow

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Minute of the meeting of Strathclyde Partnership for Transport's Operations Committee held in 131 St Vincent Street, Glasgow, on 24 January 2020

Present Councillors David Wilson (Chair), Martin Bartos, Richard Bell, Graham Campbell, Iain Shonny Paterson (substitute), Alistair Mackay (substitute), Michael McPake, Alan Moir, and Donald Reid and appointed member Graham Johnston.

Attending Gordon MacLennan, Chief Executive; Valerie Davidson, Assistant Chief Executive; Neil Wylie, Director of Finance; Antony Smith, Director of Subway; Heather Maclean, Committee Officer; Gordon Dickson, Head of Bus Strategy & Development; Alex Scott, Bus Services Manager; Bruce Kiloh, Head of Policy & Planning and Donald Booth, Bus Development Manager.

1. Apologies

Apologies were submitted from Councillors Malcolm Balfour, Colin Cameron, Graham Hardie, Marie McNair, Richard Nelson, Marie McGurk and appointed member Gregory Beecroft.

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

The Committee noted that there were no declarations of interest.

3. Minute of previous meeting

The minute of the meeting of 8 November 2019, having been considered at the Partnership meeting on 13 December 2019, was submitted and approved as a correct record.

4. Monitoring Report on Public Transport Services in the SPT Area

There was submitted and discussed a report (issued) of 15 January 2020 by the Assistant Chief Executive:

- (a) reporting on the operational performance of public transport services and public transport facilities which are delivered directly by the Partnership or by others on behalf of the Partnership; and
- (b) reporting on the provision of public transport services and facilities in the Partnership area more generally.

After significant discussion and having heard from Messrs Wylie, Smith and Dickson and Ms O'Donnell in further explanation and in answer to members' questions, the Committee noted the details of the report.

5. Subsidised Bus Service Contract Recommendations: Financial Implications

There was submitted a report (issued) of 8 January 2020 by the Assistant Chief Executive, with regards to the financial implications of the subsidised bus contract recommendations being considered at the meeting.

After hearing from Mr Wylie, the Committee noted the contents of the report.

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6. Bus Development Presentation

Mr Booth, Bus Development Manager, gave a presentation to the committee outlining the scope and responsibilities of the Bus Development teams, and highlighting the breadth of projects currently being worked upon, including support to COP26 and Euro 2020 transport plans.

After hearing from Mr Booth and Mr Dickson in response to members' questions, the Chair thanked Mr Booth, on behalf of the Committee, for his presentation.

7. Proposed transfer of the Greenock - Kilcreggan ferry service

There was submitted a report (issued) of 16 January 2020 by the Assistant Chief Executive recommending the approval of future funding arrangements associated with the transfer of responsibility for the Gourock - Kilcreggan ferry service to Transport Scotland.

After discussion and hearing from Mr Scott and Ms Davidson in response to members' questions, the Committee:

- (a) agreed that responsibility for the Gourock – Kilcreggan ferry service be transferred to Transport Scotland with effect from 1 April 2020;
- (b) noted that the annual Transport Scotland grant will be reduced by £387,500 to reflect the costs associated with contracting and managing the service going forward; and
- (c) thanked Mr Scott for his services to the Partnership and wished him well on his retirement.

8. Contracts awarded under delegated powers

There was submitted a report (issued) of 9 January 2020 by the Assistant Chief Executive advising the Committee of subsidised local bus service contracts being awarded utilising delegated powers.

After hearing from Mr Dickson in response to members' questions, the Committee noted the contents of the report.

9. Amendments to subsidised local bus service contracts

After consideration of a report (issued) of 9 January 2020 by the Assistant Chief Executive outlining changes to subsidised local bus services arising from changed market circumstances, the Committee noted the amendments to the services, as detailed in the appendix to the report.

10. Proposed award of subsidised local bus service contracts

There was submitted a report (issued) of 9 January 2020 by the Assistant Chief Executive recommending the approval of the award of a number of subsidised local bus service contracts detailed in the appendix to the report.

After discussion and having heard Mr Dickson in response to members' questions, the committee agreed:

- (a) to award the contacts detailed in appendix 1 of the report, noting that the award of contract W012B is subject to the approval of Stirling Council, for the apportioned mileage contribution; and

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(b) that contract number 5645S is not renewed after its expiry on 11 July 2020.

11. Requests for subsidised local bus service contracts

There was submitted a report (issued) of 9 January 2020 by the Assistant Chief Executive recommending that members note the recent request received to extend the route of subsidised local bus service 348 and approve that no action be taken.