

Committee minute



Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Minute of Strategy & Programmes Committee

22 November 2019

held in 131 St Vincent Street, Glasgow

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Minute of the meeting of Strathclyde Partnership for Transport's Strategy & Programmes Committee held in 131 St Vincent Street, Glasgow, on 22 November 2019

Present Councillors Dr Martin Bartos (Chair), Ian Cochrane, Mark Kerr, Anna Richardson, Jim Roberts and David Wilson and appointed members Ann Faulds, Alex Macaulay, Anne Follin, Brian Davidson, and Jim McNally.

Attending Gordon Maclennan, Chief Executive; Valerie Davidson, Assistant Chief Executive/Partnership Secretary; Heather Maclean, Committee Officer; Neil Wylie, Director of Finance; Antony Smith, Director of Subway; Gordon Dickson, Head of Bus Strategy & Delivery and Bruce Kiloh, Head of Policy & Planning.

Chairs Opening Remarks

Councillor Dr Bartos informed the Committee that, at the request of Councillor Moir who was unable to attend, he would chair the meeting.

1. Apologies

Apologies were submitted from Councillors Alan Moir, Maureen Devlin, David Shearer and appointed member Jo Maclennan.

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

Appointed member Ann Faulds advised the meeting of her appointment as Lay Governor on the board of the Glasgow School of Art.

3. Minute of previous meeting

The minute of the meeting of 30 August 2019, previously approved at the SPT Partnership, was submitted and approved as a correct record.

4. Revenue Monitoring Report as at 12 October 2019, Period 7

There was submitted a report (issued) of 5 November 2019 by the Assistant Chief Executive:

- (a) appending the revenue monitoring report for the period to 12 October 2019 (period 7) which detailed the main variances, together with a detailed budgetary control report;
- (b) informing members that SPT had made significant savings under employee costs through the continued review of services to ensure that the organisation continued to deliver in the most efficient and effective manner;
- (c) informing members of variances to the budget resulting in a proposed addition to the Subway Fund of £2 million; and
- (d) highlighting that although the positive variance of £0.123m is welcome at this stage in the year, there are various factors that could have a negative impact on SPT's financial position.

After consideration and having heard Messrs Wylie and Maclennan in answer to members' questions, the Committee:

- noted the projected outturn position on the information available at the end of Period 7; and
 - approved the proposed contribution to the Subway fund.
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P 5. Capital Programme Monitoring and Proposed Amendments Report as at 12 October 2019, Period 7

There was submitted a report (issued) of 12 November 2019 by the Assistant Chief Executive:

- (a) providing a progress update on the 2019/20 capital programme;
- (b) seeking approval for proposed amendments to the 2019/20 capital programme; and
- (c) seeking approval to Grant Fund as detailed in sections 6(b) and 6(c) of the report.

After significant discussion and hearing from Messrs Maclennan and Wylie in response to members' questions, the Committee;

- (i) approved the proposed amendments to the 2019/20 capital programme as per Appendix 2 of the report;
- (ii) noted the financial performance of the 2019/20 capital programme as at Period 7;
- (iii) agreed to Grant Fund or to vary existing Grant Fund letters to the Local Authorities or other bodies for those awards up to the value of £200,000 and authorised the Assistant Chief Executive to complete the award letters;
- (iv) recommended to the Partnership meeting of 13 December 2019 approval to Grant Fund or to vary existing Grant Fund letters to the Local Authorities or other bodies for those awards over a cumulative value of £200,000; and
- (v) noted that further work to quantify and manage risk, advance savings and re-phase existing projects is being undertaken to balance spend against budget.

6. Mid-Year Treasury Management Report 2019/20

There was submitted a report (issued) of 13 November 2019 by the Assistant Chief Executive:

- (a) informing members that, in compliance with regulations issued under the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003, a mid-year report is required to be produced to present an overview of treasury activities undertaken in the first half of the financial year;
- (b) summarising the Treasury Management performance for first half of the financial year 2019/20;
- (c) appending SPT's Counterparty list 2019/20;
- (d) confirming no proposed changes to the Treasury Strategy previously agreed by the Partnership; and
- (e) concluding that during the first half of 2019/20 SPT complied fully with the Treasury Limits and Prudential Indicators set out in the Treasury Management Strategy 2019/20.

After consideration and response to members' questions by Mr Wylie, the Committee noted the contents of the report.

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7. Strategic issues update for the SPT area

There was submitted a report (issued) of 31 October 2019 by the Chief Executive providing an update to the Committee on strategic issues affecting transport in the west of Scotland.

After significant discussion and on hearing from Messrs MacLennan, Kiloh, and Mrs Davidson in response to members' questions the Committee:

- (i) noted the contents of the report;
- (ii) noted that a workshop session will be arranged with Partnership members in relation to SPT's response to the NTS2 consultation; and
- (iii) agreed that the Committee Chair will write to Glasgow City Council with an offer of officer assistance of a technical nature to the Transport Delivery Steering Group.

8. Transport (Scotland) Bill Update

There was submitted a report (issued) of 31 October 2019 by the Chief Executive providing an initial update and commentary on key provisions of the Transport (Scotland) Bill as passed.

After discussion, the Committee noted:

- (i) the contents of the report; and
- (ii) that a fuller review of the Bill, and consideration of next steps, will be undertaken and presented to the Partnership in March 2020.

P 9. Digital Strategy 2020 – 2023

There was submitted a report (issued) of 1 November 2019 by the Assistant Chief Executive requesting the Committee recommend Partnership approval of the draft SPT Digital Strategy 2020 – 2023.

After discussion and hearing from Mr Wylie in answer to members' questions the Committee:

- (i) recommended that the Partnership approve the draft SPT Digital Strategy 2020 – 2023; and
- (ii) agreed that further consideration would be given to how the strategy would be monitored.

10. Glasgow City Region City Deal: Strathclyde Bus Improvement Programme (SBIP) - Proposal for SBIP pilot and integration with East Dunbartonshire Council's Place and Growth Programme

There was submitted and noted a report (issued) of 1 November 2019 by the Assistant Chief Executive updating the Committee on a proposal for SPT, East Dunbartonshire Council (EDC) and Glasgow City Council (GCC) to work together as part of Glasgow City Region City Deal and refocus SPT's Strathclyde Bus Improvement Programme (SBIP) towards a pilot focused within EDC and GGC areas through integration with EDC's Place and Growth programme.

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11. Environmental, Climate Change and Carbon Management Issues - Update

There was submitted a report (issued) of 18 October 2019 by the Chief Executive

- (a) updating the Committee on the progress of the Climate Change (Emissions Reductions Targets) (Scotland) Bill;
- (b) recommending approval of SPT's draft response to the Scottish Government's consultation on "The Role of Public Sector Bodies in Tackling Climate Change", attached at Appendix 1;
- (c) informing the Committee of SPT's Climate Change Duties annual reporting for 2018/19; and
- (d) noting the timescales for revising SPT's Carbon Management Plan, associated targets, and environmental policy.

After significant discussion and hearing from Mr Kiloh in response to members' questions, the Committee noted the update as provided, and approved the draft response subject to the comments received at the meeting.

12. Roadside Advertising: Award of Contract

There was submitted a report (issued) of 1 November 2019 by the Assistant Chief Executive recommending approval of the award of a contract to J C Decaux for the provision of Roadside Advertising.

After discussion and hearing for Mr Wylie in response to members' questions, the Committee approved the award of contact for the provision of Roadside Advertising to J C Decaux for a period of 10 years with a minimum guaranteed income of £164,246.
