

Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Minute of the Strategy & Programmes Committee

13 June 2025

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 13 June 2025

Present Councillors Alan Moir (Chair), Stephen Dornan, Neal Ingram*, Lawrence O'Neill*, John Ross*, Duncan Townson*, David Wilson, Sandy Watson and appointed members Geoff Duke, Ed McGrachan and Andrew Walters* (connectivity issues)

Attending Valerie Davidson, Chief Executive; Lesley Aird, Director of Finance & Corporate Support; Bruce Kiloh, Head of Policy & Planning; Gordon Dickson, Head of Bus Strategy & Delivery; Andrea Thompson, Head of Corporate Communications; Amy Bryceland, Solicitor/Clerk and Cllr 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.

1. Apologies

Apologies were submitted from appointed members Anne Follin and Nicola Graham and Councillors Christy Mearns, Malcolm Mitchell 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.

Appointed Member Geoff Duke declared a non-financial interest in Agenda Item 8, stating a family member was employed by one of the consultancies on the framework noted in the report, in a non-related capacity. Mr Duke confirmed he was satisfied there was no direct/financial interest.

3. Minute of previous meeting

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The minute of the meeting of 21 February 2025, having been considered, approved as required and agreed at the Partnership meeting of 14 March 2025 as a correct record, was duly noted.

4. Transport Scotland Bus Open Data Consultation

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 28 May 2025 by the Head of Bus Strategy & Delivery recommending the Committee approve SPT's response to the Transport Scotland Bus Open Data Consultation.

After considerable discussion and having heard from Mr Dickson in response to members' questions, in particular:

- whether secondary legislation is expected;
- timescales around secondary legislation relative to the 2026 elections; and
- the availability of road works information as it relates to bus routes and planning,

the Committee approved the draft response to the Open Data Consultation as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.

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5. Strategic Issues Update for the SPT Area

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 27 May 2025 by the Head of Policy & Planning updating the Committee on strategic level issues affecting transport in the west of Scotland.

After considerable discussion, particularly around the importance of “lifeline” rural services and challenges around procurement and operations of these services and having heard from Mr Kiloh, the Committee noted the contents of the report.

6. SPT Climate Change Strategy

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 28 May 2025 by the Head of Policy & Planning, to update the Committee on the developments in relation to SPT’s Climate Change Strategy and the draft SPT Climate Adaptation Action Plan.

After having heard from Mr Kiloh, the Committee noted the contents of SPT’s Climate Resilience and Climate Adaptation Action Plan.

7. Regional Transport Strategy Monitoring Report

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 28 May 2025 by the Head of Policy & Planning to update the Committee on the proposed monitoring process for the Regional Transport Strategy (RTS).

Having heard from Mr Kiloh, the Committee noted the contents of the report.

8. Clyde Metro: Case for Investment Stage 2D: Programme Business Case and related Technical Workstreams – award of contract

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 27 May 2025 by the Head of Policy & Planning recommending the Committee approve the award of a contract for consultancy support to develop the Clyde Metro Case for Investment Stage 2DL Programme Business Case and related Technical Workstreams to Ove Arup and Partners International Limited for a value of £985,439.

Having heard from Mr Kiloh, the Committee approved the award of contract.

9. Bus Services on the Isle of Arran

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 28 May 2025 by the Head of Bus Strategy & Delivery recommending the Committee approve the award of a contract for the operation of supported local bus services on the island of Arran, and for the purchase of replacement buses to operate these services.

After considerable discussion and having heard from Mr Dickson, Mrs Aird and Mrs Davidson in response to members’ questions, particularly around the challenges of the planning and delivery of these services vis a vis the need to coordinate with Calmac services and clarification relating to the procurement of the vehicles, the Committee approved:

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- the award of contract AR006 to Stagecoach Western, for the period 13 July 2025 until 12 July 2031 (313 weeks) with a total contract value of £9,172,700 - equivalent of £1,528,783 per annum (noting that the award of the contracts was subject to the approval of North Ayrshire Council and confirmed associated funding); and
 - the purchase of 12 buses supplied by Stagecoach Western, funded and owned by SPT at a total cost of £2,348,000, to be leased to the operator on a full repair and maintenance lease basis for the duration of contract AR006.
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