

Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Minute of Strategy & Programmes Committee

7 September 2018

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 7 September 2018

Present Councillors Alan Moir (Chair), Dr Martin Bartos, Anna Richardson, Jim Roberts, Alan Lafferty, David Wilson, David Shearer, Tracy Carragher and appointed members Anne Follin, Brian Davidson, and Jo MacLennan.

Attending Gordon MacLennan, Chief Executive; Charles Hoskins, Senior Director; Neil Wylie, Director of Finance and HR; Heather Maclean, Committee Officer and Bruce Kiloh, Head of Policy & Planning.

1. Apologies

Apologies were submitted from appointed members Jim McNally, Ann Faulds and Alex Macaulay

2. Declarations 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 18 May 2018 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

4. Revenue Monitoring Report as at 21 July 2018, Period 4

There was submitted a report (issued) of 20 August 2018 by the Assistant Chief Executive:

- (a) appending the revenue monitoring report for the period to 21 July 2018 (period 4) which detailed the main variances, together with a detailed budgetary control report;
- (b) highlighting to members that SPT has made significant savings under employee costs through the continued review of services to ensure that the organisation continues to deliver in the most efficient and effective manner;
- (c) informing members that there has been strong subway patronage growth to date with a 4.1% increase compared to the same period in the previous financial year;
- (d) informing members of variances to the budget resulting in a proposed addition to the Subway Fund of £2.249 million.
- (e) Intimation that across the revenue and capital programmes, and the proposed contribution to the Subway Fund, a breakeven position is forecast. All expenditure heads will continue to be monitored to ensure this breakeven position is achieved.

After consideration and having heard Mr Wylie in answer to members' questions, the committee;

- (a) noted the projected outturn position on the information available at the end of Period 4; and
 - (b) agreed the proposed contribution to the Subway Fund of £2.249m.
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5. 2017/18 Capital Outturn and Capital Programme Monitoring and Proposed Amendments Report as at 21 July 2018, Period 4

There was submitted a report (issued) of 28 August 2018 by the Assistant Chief Executive

- (a) Outlining the 2017/18 capital outturn position and reminding members that the 2018/2019 capital budget had been approved by the Partnership on 23 February 2018;
- (b) intimating that actual expenditure as at 21 July 2018 (period 4) totalled £18.909m compared to a planned spend position of £20.861m;
- (c) providing a detailed financial analysis of individual projects contained within the programme, split by department; and
- (d) advising members that there were 6 proposed amendments to the 2018/2019 capital programme at this stage.

After consideration and having heard Messers Wylie and Hoskins in answer to members' questions, the committee;

- (a) noted the 2017/18 capital outturn position;
- (b) approved the proposed amendments to the 2018/19 capital programme as per Appendix 2 of the report;
- (c) 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.
- (d) noted the financial performance of the 2018/19 capital programme as at Period 4;
- (e) 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. Annual Treasury Management Report 2017/18

There was submitted and noted a report (issued) of 28 August 2018 by the Assistant Chief Executive

- (a) informing members that, through regulations issued under the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003, an annual report required to be produced to present an overview of treasury activities undertaken in the previous financial year, together with actual prudential and treasury indicators;
 - (b) summarising the Treasury Management performance for the financial year 2017/2018 which covered
 - 1. the economy and interest rates in 2017/2018;
 - 2. capital expenditure and financing;
 - 3. the overall treasury position as at 31 March 2018;
 - 4. prudential and treasury management indicators;
 - 5. investment strategy for 2017/2018; and
 - 6. investment outturn for 2017/2018;
 - (c) appending SPT's prudential and treasury management indicators; and
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(4) concluding

- (a) that during the financial year 2017/2018, SPT had operated within the Prudential and Treasury Management Indicators set out in the Treasury Management Strategy 2017/18; and
- (b) that the Investment Strategy for 2017/2018 had been followed in full.

After consideration and response to members questions by Mr Wylie, the committee;

- (a) noted the content of this report;
- (b) noted the prudential and treasury management indicators for 2017/18 as detailed in Appendix 1; and
- (c) asked that it be highlighted in the minute that the marked increase in the overall Treasury position at 31 March 2018 is due to the early receipt of Scottish Government funding in relation to financial year 2018/19.

7. Transport (Scotland) Bill – Call for Evidence by Scottish Parliament Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee – SPT response

There was submitted a report (issued) of 14 August 2018 by the Senior Director to recommend approval of SPT's draft response to the Scottish Parliament Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee's Call for Evidence into the Transport (Scotland) Bill.

After significant discussion and having heard from Messrs Hoskins and Kiloh and Cllr Dr Bartos in further explanation and in answer to members' questions, the committee agreed to:

- (a) Noted the draft report with amendments;
- (b) remit the report and appendix to Partnership for approval;

8. Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill – Call for Views – SPT response

There was submitted a report (issued) of 24 April 2018 by the Senior Director recommending approval of SPT's draft response to the Scottish Parliament Environment, Climate Change & Land Reform Committee's Call for Views on the Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill.

After discussion and hearing from Mr Kiloh in response to members questions the committee approved the report and the response in appendix 1.

9. Active Travel Task Force

There was submitted and noted a report (issued) of 13 August 2018 by the Senior Director to update the Committee on recommendations of the National Active Travel Task Force.

10. World Metro & Light Rail Congress – feedback report

There was submitted a report (issued) of 17 August 2018 providing feedback to the Committee on SPT participation and attendance at the World Metro & Light Rail Congress on 17-19 April 2018 in Bilbao.

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After discussion, the committee noted the recent attendance, key learning points and relevance to SPT that was gained from the participation at the World Metro & Light Rail Congress in Bilbao 17-19 April 2018

Exclusion of press and public

The Partnership resolved that the press and public be excluded for the next item of business on the agenda, it being considered that otherwise there would be disclosure to them of exempt information in terms of paragraph 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7a to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

11. Collegelands, High Street, Glasgow

There was submitted a report (issued) of 27 August 2018 by the Assistant Chief Executive To seek agreement to the sale of the residual surplus land at Collegelands, High Street Glasgow and agree that in the interest of being able to respond quickly in property transactions, this matter be considered, and if appropriate, ratified by a Chairs Committee, and subsequently reported to the Partnership, subject to the final terms being agreed with the Assistant Chief Executive.

After discussion and hearing from Mr Maclennan in answer to members' questions and concerns relating to the proposal, and following an assurance given to the Partnership by the Chair, it was agreed that the report would be brought to the full Partnership if there were no time sensitive requirements. Otherwise the Committee agreed:

- (a) to approve the recommendation to sell the outstanding surplus land, subject to final terms being agreed by the Chief Executive; and
- (b) to remit to a Chairs Committee in the interests of expediency for final approval and report the outcome to the Partnership.