

Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Minute of Chair's Committee

15 August 2021

Held via videoconference

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**Minute of the meeting of Strathclyde Partnership for Transport's Chairs Committee
Held via videoconference (due to public health guidance) on 15 August 2021**

- Present** Councillors Martin Bartos (Chair), David Wilson (Vice Chair) and Alan Moir (Vice Chair)
- Attending** Valerie Davidson, Assistant Chief Executive and Andrea Thompson, Media & Public Affairs Manager

1. Apologies

No apologies were noted

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. Communications discussion on media story regarding SPT Chief Executive Gordon MacLennan published 15 August 2021

Following the publication of a media story involving Gordon MacLennan, Chief Executive, an emergency meeting of the Chairs Committee was called to discuss reputational damage to SPT.

Having considered the media coverage and the reputational damage being caused to SPT, the Chair and Vice Chairs requested Mr MacLennan be suspended with immediate effect and that an investigation takes place into the reputational and conduct issues arising from the press allegations to be undertaken in line with SPT's Chief Officer Conditions.

The Chair and Vice Chairs also requested that Mrs Davidson take on the role of acting Chief Executive with immediate effect and that this be communicated to the Partnership and SPT staff. Subsequent emails confirming this were sent on Sunday, 15 August 2021.