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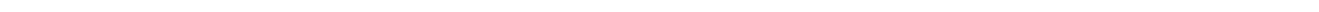
Minute of the Strategy & Programmes Committee

29 November 2024

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 29 November 2024

Present Councillors Alan Moir (Chair), Stephen Dornan, William Lennox*, Christy Mearns, Malcolm Mitchell*, John Ross*, Duncan Townson* and David Wilson and appointed members Anne Follin*, George Hazel*, Ed McGrachan and Andrew Walters*

Attending Valerie Davidson, Chief Executive; Lesley Aird, Director of Finance & Corporate Support; Richard Robinson, Director of Transport Operations; Bruce Kiloh, Head of Policy & Planning, Gordon Dickson, Head of Bus Strategy & Delivery and Jim Griffin, Senior Solicitor / Clerk. Councillor Donald Reid also attended.

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 Councillors Owen O'Donnell, Lawrence O'Neill and Sandy Watson.

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.

3. Minute of previous meeting

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The minute of the meeting of 6 September 2024, having been considered and agreed at the Partnership meeting of 20 September 2024 as a correct record, was duly noted.

In terms of Item 8 of the Minute, it was agreed that SPT's further response to the Scottish Parliament Net Zero, Energy & Transport Committee would be shared with all Partnership members.

4. Revenue Monitoring Report as at Period 7, ending 12 October 2024 and updated Financial Forecast for Financial year 2024/2025

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 5 November 2024 by the Director of Finance & Corporate Support advising the Committee of the net revenue position as at the end of Period 7, 12 October 2024, including an updated financial forecast for the current financial year, stating the assumptions made regarding income and expenditure levels.

Having heard from Mrs Davidson, Mrs Aird and Mr Dickson in response to members' questions particularly with regard to;

- discussions with COSLA regarding funding and the importance of transport to the economy;
 - the financial impact of the recent emergency closure of Buchanan Bus Station;
 - the impact of increased bus operator costs and the work being done in mitigation; and
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- discussions with the Scottish Government and other parties in an endeavour to secure additional funding,

the Committee considered the contents of the report and noted:

- (i) the projected outturn position for 2024/2025 based on information available at the end of P7; and
- (ii) the financial pressures which continue to impact in the current financial year including increased supported service contract costs and variable Subway patronage and therefore uncertainties remain in relation to the year-end projection.

5. Capital Programme Monitoring and Proposed Amendments Report as at 12 October 2024, Period 7

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 7 November 2024 by the Director of Finance & Corporate Support updating the Committee on the 2024/2025 capital programme and seeking approval for proposed amendments to the 2024/2025 capital programme; and seeking approval to Grant Fund as detailed in section 6(ii) of the report.

After hearing from Mrs Aird, the Committee:

- (i) approved the proposed amendments to the 2024/2025 capital programme as per Appendix 2 of the report;
- (ii) agreed to Grant Fund or vary existing Grant Fund letters to the Local Authorities or other bodies for those awards up to the value of £200,000;
- (iii) authorised that grant award letters be concluded in line with approved governance arrangements;
- (iv) noted the financial performance of the 2024/2025 capital programme as at Period 7; and
- (v) noted that further work to resolve the funding gap, quantify and manage risk, advance savings and rephase existing projects is being undertaken to balance spend against budget.

6. Mid-Year Treasury Management Report 2024/2025

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There was a report (issued) of 11 November 2024 by the Director of Finance & Corporate Support, updating the Committee on the treasury management activities and the actual Prudential and Treasury Indicators for the first half of the financial year 2024/2025.

Having heard from Mrs Aird in response to members' questions particularly regarding:

- the projection for further interest to be received over the course of the year; and
- policies in place regarding ethical investments,

the Committee noted the contents of the report.

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7. Strategic Issues Update for the SPT area

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 19 November 2024 by the Head of Policy & Planning updating the Committee on strategic-level issues affecting transport in the west of Scotland.

Having heard from Mrs Davidson, Mr Kiloh and Mr Dickson in response to members' questions, particularly regarding:

- Traffic Commissioner appointed panels to consider franchise proposals; and
- engagements with Health Boards and the Scottish Ambulance Service;

the Committee noted the contents of the report.

8. Strathclyde Regional Bus Strategy – progress update

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 13 November 2024 by the Head of Policy & Planning updating the Committee on the progress of development of the Strathclyde Regional Bus Strategy (SRBS).

Having heard from Mr Kiloh stressing the importance of following a robust process in accordance with policies approved by the Partnership, the Committee noted the contents of the report and agreed that at a members session on the subject would take place at a suitable future date for all Partnership members.

9. Rail Condition and Profile Management-award of contract

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 13 November 2024 by the Director of Transport Operations recommending the Committee approves the award of a contract to Vossloh Rail Services Deutschland GmbH (Vossloh) to manage the condition and profile of rail within the Subway.

Having heard from Mr Robinson, the Committee approved the award to Vossloh Rail Services Deutschland GmbH of a six-year contract, with a break clause at the end of year 4, for rail profile and condition management with a value of £1,397,178 (excluding VAT) for the fixed cost activities 1 and 2 and an annual allowance for activity 3.

10. Security Operations Centre – Award of Contract

It was proposed that the press and public be excluded for item 10, it being considered that otherwise there would be a disclosure to them of exempt information in terms of paragraph 9 of Schedule 7a to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

There was submitted a report (issued) of 19 November 2024 by the Director of Finance and Corporate Support recommending the Committee approve the award of a contract for the supply of Security Operations Centre services.

Having heard from Mrs Davidson, Mrs Aird and Mr Robinson in response to members' questions, the Committee approved the award of a three-year contract for the supply of Security Operations Centre services procured via the SWAN framework.
