

## Membership Update

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**Date of meeting** 27 June 2025

**Date of report** 17 June 2025

**Report by Chief Executive / Partnership Secretary**

### 1. Object of report

To confirm to the Partnership the outcome of the recent Recruitment Committee activity, noting the recent Cabinet Secretary for Transport agreement to the appointments of Appointed Members.

### 2. Background

Members will recall the previous agreement to establish a Recruitment Committee to undertake all stages of recruitment to successfully appoint non-elected Partnership members.

Previous reports have outlined the process, including the advert and recruitment pack for candidates.

### 3. Current Position

The Recruitment Committee recommended the approval of four candidates following a comprehensive and extensive recruitment campaign. Approval to the appointments was subsequently sought and confirmed by the Cabinet Secretary for Transport.

To confirm, SPT now has the maximum number of Appointed Members allowed by statute; with a broad range of skills and experience:

- Jenna Dickson
- Geoff Duke
- Anne Follin
- Nicola Graham
- Moray Macdonald
- Ed McGrachan
- Scott Prentice
- Pam Turton
- Andrew Walters

Attached to this report as Appendix 1 are short biographies of all new Appointed Members for information. All Appointed Members have been allocated to the Committees to ensure balance of skills and interest.

Given SPT now has a full complement of Appointed Members, it is proposed also to increase the number of members on Audit and Standards to 12; an increase of 1, thus ensuring a full balance across all committees. Committee Allocation is attached to this report as Appendix 2.

In addition, initial Appointed Member training has been undertaken, including:

- An introduction to SPT and current priorities
- Subway tour and update on Subway Modernisation
- “On Board” Board member roles and responsibilities training session

These induction sessions will be supplemented by additional briefings over the next few months, which will as always be available to all Partnership members.

#### 4. Partnership action

The Partnership is recommended to:

- (i) note the work of the Recruitment Committee successfully concluding;
- (ii) note the recent approval of the Cabinet Secretary for Transport to the Appointed Member appointments;
- (iii) welcome all new Appointed Members to the Board of SPT, noting the appointments are for a period of 4 years; and
- (iv) agree to increase the maximum number of members on the Audit and Standards Committee to 12.

#### 5. Consequences

Policy consequences	<i>None directly from the report</i>
Legal consequences	<i>None directly from the report</i>
Financial consequences	<i>None directly from the report</i>
Personnel consequences	<i>None directly from the report</i>
Equalities consequences	<i>SPT has complied with all equality duties</i>
Risk consequences	<i>None directly from the report</i>
Climate Change, Adaptation & Carbon consequences	<i>None</i>

**Name** Lesley Aird  
**Title** **Director of Finance & Corporate Support**

**Name** Valerie Davidson  
**Title** **Chief Executive**

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## **APPENDIX 1**

### **SPT NEW APPOINTED MEMBER BIOGRAPHIES** **May 2025**

#### **Geoff Duke**

A retired Chartered Civil Engineer – Geoff has over 40 years' experience in the planning, development and integration of infrastructure and services to facilitate sustainable economic growth, within a framework of strategic land use planning. While the majority of his career has been in transport planning, Geoff also has experience in sustainability and economic development.

#### **Moray Macdonald**

Previously Managing Director at Instinctif Partners and Chair of Sustrans – Moray is a public affairs and communications specialist who has led large organisations across the UK and Europe in executive and non-executive roles, with the betterment and promotion of public transport and active travel being core to his work.

#### **Scott Prentice**

Strategy & Planning Director, ScotRail – Scott is a Director with a broad range of technical and commercial competence gained in the private and public sectors of the UK rail industry. Scott has successfully delivered large and complex rail projects for Transport Scotland, Network Rail and ScotRail and is skilled at “sense checking” modelling outputs and financial proposals whilst maintaining outputs.

#### **Pam Turton**

Head of Transport Strategy, Bath & North East Somerset Council – Pam has extensive experience of successfully delivering significant infrastructure projects and leading communication and engagement campaigns to change behaviours and deliver positive outcomes. As Senior Responsible Officer for the Portsmouth Charging Clean Air Zone (CAZ), Pam directed consultant and cross Council teams to deliver this multi-million-pound charging CAZ and exceeded the delivery timescales, reducing the expected programme by 6 months. Ms Turton is also a non-exec Director on Reading Buses.

## APPENDIX 2

## Composition of Committees 1 May 2025

Strategy & Programmes up to 17 LAs represented: 10			Operations up to 16 LAs represented: 7			Personnel up to 17 LAs represented: 7			Audit and Standards 12 LAs represented: 7		
	Area	Party		Area	Party		Area	Party		Area	Party
			Jenna Dickson	-	-				Jenna Dickson	-	-
Geoff Duke	-	-				Geoff Duke	-	-			
Anne Follin	-	-				Anne Follin	-	-			
Nicola Graham	-	-				Nicola Graham	-	-			
			Moray Macdonald	-	-				Moray Macdonald	-	-
Ed McGrachan	-	-							Ed McGrachan	-	-
			Scott Prentice	-	-	Scott Prentice	-	-			
			Pam Turton	-	-	Pam Turton	-	-			
Andrew Walters	-	-							Andrew Walters	-	-
			Alex Allison	SLC	Con				Alex Allison	SLC	Con
			Ken Andrew	GCC	SNP	Ken Andrew	GCC	SNP			
Gordon Blair	A&B	SNP							Gordon Blair	A&B	SNP
			Maureen Devlin	SLC	Lab	Maureen Devlin	SLC	Lab			
Stephen Dornan CH.	GCC	SNP	Stephen Dornan CH.	GCC	SNP	Stephen Dornan CH.	GCC	SNP			
Neal Ingram	EAC	SNP							Neal Ingram	EAC	SNP
			Helen Loughran	NLC	Lab	Helen Loughran	NLC	Lab			
Christy Mearns	GCC	Grn							Christy Mearns	GCC	Grn
Malcolm Mitchell	GCC	SNP							Malcolm Mitchell	GCC	SNP
Alan Moir	EDC	Lab	Alan Moir	EDC	Lab	Alan Moir	EDC	Lab			
Owen O'Donnell	ERC	Lab				Owen O'Donnell	ERC	Lab			
Lawrence O'Neill	WDC	Lab							Lawrence O'Neill	WDC	Lab
			Donald Reid	NAC	Lab				Donald Reid	NAC	Lab
John Ross	SLC	SNP				John Ross	SLC	SNP			
			Roza Salih	GCC	SNP	Roza Salih	GCC	SNP			
			Adam Smith	NLC	SNP	Adam Smith	NLC	SNP			
			Andy Steel	RC	SNP	Andy Steel	RC	SNP			
Duncan Townson	SAC	Lab							Duncan Townson	SAC	Lab
Sandy Watson	NLC	Con				Sandy Watson	NLC	Con			
David Wilson	IC	Con	David Wilson	IC	Con	David Wilson	IC	Con			