

Minute of Strathclyde Concessionary Travel Scheme Joint Committee

18 March 2022

Held in person at 131 St Vincent Street, Glasgow and via Video Conference

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Present Councillors Dr Martin Bartos (Chair), Jim Fletcher, Alan Moir, Jim Finn, Donald Reid, Jim Roberts and David Wilson.

Attending Valerie Davidson, Chief Executive; Neil Wylie, Director of Finance & Corporate Support/Treasurer; Stuart Paul, Chief Accountant; Martin Breen, Senior Transport Planner and Tony Jones, Contact Centre Manager.

Chair's Remarks

Partnership Standing Order No 14 requires the agreement of the Partnership to record meetings. The Chair sought and the Partnership agreed for the recording of SPT Partnership and Committee video conference meetings to commence.

1. Apologies

Apologies were submitted from Councillors Balfour, Cochrane, Hardie and Shearer.

2. Declaration of interest in terms of the Ethical Standards in Public Life etc (Scotland) Act 2000

The Committee noted there were no declarations of interest.

3. Minute of previous meeting

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The minute of the meeting of 17 September 2021 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

4. Revenue Monitoring Report as at 29 January 2022, Period 11

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 1 March 2022 by the Treasurer advising members of the Committee of revenue expenditure incurred at the end of Period 11 (29 January 2022), including the projected outturn to the end of the current financial year.

After hearing from Mr Paul, the Committee noted the projected outturn for 2021/22 based on the information available at the end of Period 11 (29 January 2022).

5. Performance and Reimbursement Update on 2021/22 Quarter 1 to Quarter 3 Results

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 22 February 2022 by the Treasurer updating the Committee of the Strathclyde Concessionary Travel Scheme's performance and reimbursement results for 2021/22, financial quarters 1-3 (April-December 2021).

After hearing from Mr Breen in response to members' questions, the Committee noted the contents of the paper, in particular the increased concessionary travel demand during the current financial year 2021/22 (relative to the previous year) and the ongoing reductions in patronage when compared with pre-Covid levels.

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6. Proposed Revenue Budget 2022/23

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 28 February 2022 by the Treasurer presenting to the Committee for approval a proposed revenue budget for the financial year 2022/23, outlining the assumptions made in the preparation of the budget and to advise the Committee of the proposed local authority requisitions to support the Strathclyde Concession Travel Scheme (“the Scheme”). The outline of the 2023/24 budget was also presented for noting at this stage.

After discussion and hearing from Mr Paul and Mr Wylie in answer to members’ questions, specifically on the impact of any delay implementing the previously agreed fare changes, the Chair noted the importance of the future SPT Board to be aware of the Joint Committee’s work. Thereafter, the Committee approved:

- (i) the proposed budget of £4.059m for financial year 2022/23;
- (ii) requisitions totalling £4.059m, a 0.42% reduction compared to 2021/22; and
- (iii) a pause in the implementation of the new fares structure until January 2023 at the earliest, with a report being submitted to the next Joint Committee with an update on proposed implementation timeline.

7. Concessionary Travel Unit – Update on Performance & Summary of Nationwide Young Persons’ Free Bus Travel Scheme & Impacts

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 9 March 2022 by the Treasurer updating the Committee on SPT’s Travel Card Unit performance and providing a summary of impact of the Young Persons’ Free Bus Travel Scheme launched on 31 January 2022.

After hearing from Mr Jones and Mr Wylie in answer to members’ questions and further discussion relating to the introduction of Transport Scotland’s ‘Young Persons’ Free Bus Travel Scheme’ the Committee noted the increased volume of contact to SPT and noted:

- (i) the contents of the report;
- (ii) the redirection of ‘Young Persons’ Free Bus Travel Scheme’ to the local authorities; and
- (iii) that issues related to Transport Scotland’s appointed card bureau would be included within a future report.

Chair’s Closing Remarks

This being the last Strathclyde Concessionary Travel Scheme Joint Committee, the Chair extended his thanks to officers and members for their work.
