

Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Minute of meeting

9 October 2015

held in Consort House, Glasgow

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Minute of the meeting of the Strathclyde Partnership for Transport held in Consort House, Glasgow, on 9 October 2015

Present Councillors Jim Coleman (Chair), Malcolm Balfour, Duncan Cumming (substitute), Tony Buchanan, Eddie Devine, Allan Falconer, Kaye Harmon, Robert G MacIntyre, Bobby McDill, Pauline McKeever, Denis McKenna, Frank McNally, Lawrence O'Neill, Hamish Stewart, and appointed members Tom Hart, Graham Johnston (he was not there), Alan Malcolm, Jim McNally and Gavin Scott.

Attending Valerie Davidson, Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support); Kirsten Gibson, Committee Support Officer; Gordon MacLennan, Chief Executive; Eric Stewart, Assistant Chief Executive (Operations); Charlie Hoskins, Senior Director; Neil Wylie, Director of Finance and HR and Bruce Kiloh, Head of Policy and Planning.

1. Apologies

Apologies were submitted from Councillors John Bruce, Gilbert Davidson, Bill Grant, Chris Kelly, Alan Moir, Paul Welsh and David Wilson and appointed members Anne Follin and Graham Johnston.

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

The Partnership noted that there were no declarations of interest.

3. Minute of previous meeting

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The minute of the meeting of 14 August 2015 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

Arising from the minute with regard to

- (a) page 5, paragraph 3(b), following issues raised by Cllr Cumming and Cllr O'Neil, it was agreed that transport options be explored for the provision of services to the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital from the North Clydebank and Bearsden/Milngavie areas; and
- (b) page 7, paragraph 8, in response to a question from Mr Hart, Mr Kiloh advised that a wider Stakeholder meeting to discuss the National Transport Strategy Refresh had been arranged for 29 October 2015.

4. Committee minutes

The minutes (issued) of the undernoted committees were noted:-

- (1) Operations Committee of 28 August 2015; [Click here to view minute](#)
- (2) Strategy & Programmes Committee of 11 September 15; and [Click here to view minute](#)
- (3) Audit & Standards Committee of 11 September 2015. [Click here to view minute](#)

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Arising from the minute of the Operations Committee (page 3, paragraph 8), Councillor McKenna advised

- (1) that he had written to the Chief Executive of Transport Scotland expressing members' concerns on the impact of works associated with EGIP on local bus services and suggesting that it would be appropriate for Transport Scotland to shoulder more of the associated costs; and
- (2) that he had received a response advising that they would be willing to discuss the provision of additional funding with SPT which meets the cost involved in maintaining any affected bus services.

5. **Bus strategy – next steps**

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With reference to the minute of the Strategy & Programmes Committee of 11 September 15 (page 4, paragraph 8) when that committee had noted, inter alia,

- (1) various successes in the delivery of improvements in bus services, standards and infrastructure over recent years, and
- (2) that officers were reviewing the draft outcomes of recently commissioned research on current approaches to bus strategy in England compared with that in Scotland,

there was submitted and noted a report (issued) of 14 September 2015 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (a) intimating
 - (i) that in reviewing the draft outcomes of the research noted at (2) above, it was clear that a key factor in the success of SPT's bus strategy and delivery mechanisms would be the evidence base on which it was developed;
 - (ii) that SPT would embark on a programme of focus groups, surveys, market research and engagement with people and communities across the west of Scotland over the period to summer 2016; and
 - (iii) that the development of the evidence base arising from this proposed engagement exercise would be undertaken in line with current best practice, including forthcoming guidance on the Community Empowerment Act; and
- (b) informing members that although it was anticipated that this exercise would be the first stage in the future development of SPT's bus strategy, it was likely that there would be further engagement and consultation with the public on any new iteration of SPT's bus strategy and the delivery mechanisms for implementing that strategy.

6. **Glasgow Queen Street rail station redevelopment - Update**

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 14 September 2015 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) reminding members

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- (a) of Network Rail's (NR) plans to redevelop Glasgow Queen Street Station (GQSS) with the aim of improving access, operations and passenger facilities and to dispose of land at the station to facilitate the extension of the Buchanan Galleries Shopping Centre; and
 - (b) that Land Securities (the shopping centre developers) had announced in July 2015 that they were "not currently pursuing the existing plans for the extension of Buchanan Galleries" ;
- (2) providing an update on the consultation process and the further development of proposals, including the requirement to alter the boundary for the TAWS (Transport and Works (Scotland) Act 2000) application to include the car park area to the east of the station;
- (3) informing members
- (a) that on 11 September 2015, the draft Order and associated TAWS application which made provision for the redevelopment of GQSS, had been submitted to Transport Scotland and, in line with due process, NR had made their proposals publicly available for objections and representations; and
 - (b) that NR had included key elements of station works in the current TAWS application which were originally to have been provided by Land Securities, but without prejudicing future redevelopment of the site;
- (4) listing the works to be authorised by the TAWS Order;
- (5) outlining SPT's key areas of concern which were in line with previous responses and which were recommended to be the basis of representations to Scottish Ministers; and
- (6) concluding that, as the redevelopment of GQSS provided a once in a generation opportunity to improve this key gateway to and from Glasgow and the west of Scotland, and to improve significantly integration with Glasgow's commercial, leisure, business and retail core and other transport modes, SPT wished to influence positively the outcome of current developments for the benefit of all parties, particularly the travelling public.

Following discussion and having heard Messrs Kiloh, Maclennan and Hoskins in further explanation and in answer to members questions, the Partnership

- (i) approved the recommendation at (5) above; and
- (ii) agreed that officers continue to review the TAWS documentation to identify any further issues and submit representations and objections within the deadline based on the key points noted at (5) above.

7. Subway tunnel lighting upgrade – Proposed award of contract

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After consideration of a report (issued) of 22 September 2015 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations) on tenders received for subway tunnel lighting upgrade and associated installation works, the Partnership agreed to the award of a contract to the lowest tenderer, DP Services (Scotland) Ltd, at a cost of £412,914.

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8. Subway Modernisation – Smart Metro incorporating the 6th Annual CBTC World Congress

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After consideration of a report (issued) of 16 September 2015 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations) on proposed attendance at the Smart Metro Conference incorporating the 6th Annual CBTC (Communication Based Train Control) World Congress in Copenhagen, scheduled to take place between 3 and 5 November 2015, the Partnership

- (1) authorised the attendance of two senior officers at an estimated cost of between £700 to £800 per person to include travel, accommodation and expenses; and
- (2) noted that previous attendance had directly influenced and assisted SPT's development of the specification for the Subway's new system and that ongoing participation would ensure that SPT kept abreast of the evolution of all aspects of technology, representing value for money.

9. Register of contracts awarded and variations.

The Partnership noted that the Register of Contracts Awarded and Variations for the period 1 July to 30 September 2015 was available for inspection after the meeting.