

Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Minute of meeting

24 June 2022

held at 131 St Vincent Street, Glasgow and via Video Conference

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Minute of the meeting of the Strathclyde Partnership for Transport held at 131 St Vincent Street, Glasgow and via Video Conference* at 10am on 24 June 2022

Present Councillors Stephen Dornan (Chair), Alex Allison*, Ken Andrew*, Graeme Brooks* (Substitute), Maureen Devlin*, Craig Edward*, Joanne Katy Keltie* (until Agenda Item 12), William Lennox*, Michael McPake, Christy Mearns, Malcolm Mitchell*, Alan Moir, Jim Paterson* (until Agenda Item 12), Donald Reid, Roza Salih*, David Shearer* (Substitute), William Sinclair*, Adam Smith, Duncan Townson and appointed members Greg Beecroft, Jenna Dickson*, Anne Follin, George Hazel*, Ed McGrachan* and Andrew Walters*

Attending Valerie Davidson, Chief Executive/Partnership Secretary; Neil Wylie, Director of Finance & Corporate Support; Bruce Kiloh, Head of Policy & Planning; Gordon Dickson, Head of Bus Strategy & Delivery; Andrea Thompson, Media & Public Affairs Manager; Callum Vause, Head of Projects and Jim Griffin, Senior Solicitor

NOTE

Due to a technical issue outwith SPT's control, members attending by video conference* were unable to take participate fully during the duration of the meeting, although the meeting remained quorate in person throughout.

1. Apologies

Apologies were submitted from Councillors Chalmers and Wilson and appointed member Graham Johnston.

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

Appointed members Ed McGrachan and Andrew Walters advised that with regard to Agenda Item 7, they were SPT Partnership appointed Directors of Nevis Technologies Ltd.

3. Minute of previous meeting

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The minute of the meeting of 27 May 2022 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

4. Standing Orders Relating to the Partnership

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 1 June 2022 by the Chief Executive/Partnership Secretary seeking the Partnership's approval to the Standing Orders as attached to the report.

After hearing from Mrs Davidson, specifically in relation to a request to consider whether a balance of gender could be considered within the appointment of office bearers, the Partnership:

- (i) approved the Standing Orders as presented; and
- (ii) agreed that the above issue be considered and a report presented to a future Partnership.

5. Committee Representation

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 7 June 2022 by the Chief Executive/Partnership Secretary advising members of the proposed representation on the various SPT Committees and seeking Partnership agreement to the Committee makeup proposed therein.

After hearing from Mrs Davidson in response to members' questions, the Partnership

- (i) agreed to amend the Audit & Standards Committee number by 1 to 11;
- (ii) approved the Committee representation as presented; and
- (iii) approved Cllr Reid, as proposed by Cllr Townson and seconded by Cllr McPake, to be Chair of the Audit & Standards Committee.

6. Representation on Outside Bodies

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 6 June 2022 by the Chief Executive/Partnership Secretary recommending the Partnership approve SPT's representation on external stakeholder outside bodies as appended to the report.

After discussion and hearing from Mrs Davidson in response to members' questions, the Partnership:

- (i) approved SPT's representation on external stakeholder outside bodies as appended to the report; and
- (ii) agreed Cllr Mearns, as proposed by Cllr Andrew and seconded by Cllr Smith, be the SPT representative on Sustainable Glasgow.

7. Representation on Nevis Technologies Ltd

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 6 June 2022 by the Chief Executive/Partnership Secretary asking the Partnership to recommend the appointment of one elected member to the Board of Nevis Technologies Ltd in the capacity of Non-Executive Director on behalf of SPT.

After hearing from Mrs Davidson in response to members' questions, the Partnership agreed the nomination of Cllr Andrew to the Board of Nevis Technologies Ltd.

8. 2021/22 Draft Abstract of Accounts – Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 6 June 2022 by the Director of Finance & Corporate Support providing the Partnership with the draft abstract of accounts for financial year ending 31 March 2022 for Strathclyde Partnership for Transport and seeking the Partnership's agreement to submit the accounts to the External Auditor by 30 June 2022.

After hearing from Mr Wylie in response to members' questions, the Partnership approved the draft abstract of accounts for financial year ending 31 March 2022 for Strathclyde Partnership for Transport and agreed the accounts be submitted to the External Auditor by 30 June 2022.

Thereafter, the Partnership noted that final accounts would be submitted to the Partnership meeting of 30 September 2022 after the audit is concluded.

9. 2021/22 Draft Abstract of Accounts – Strathclyde Concessionary Travel Scheme Joint Committee

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 6 June 2022 by the Director of Finance & Corporate Support providing the Partnership with the draft abstract of accounts for financial year ending 31 March 2022 for Strathclyde Concessionary Travel Scheme Joint Committee and seeking the Partnership's agreement to submit the accounts to the External Auditor by 30 June 2022.

After hearing from Mr Wylie in response to members' questions, the Partnership approved the draft abstract of accounts for financial year ending 31 March 2022 for Strathclyde Concessionary Travel Scheme Joint Committee and agreed the accounts be submitted to the External Auditor by 30 June 2022.

Thereafter, the Partnership noted that final accounts would be submitted to the Strathclyde Concessionary Travel Scheme Joint Committee meeting of 30 September 2022 after the audit is concluded.

10. Regional Transport Strategy – Draft for Public Consultation

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 25 May 2022 by the Chief Executive recommending the Partnership approve the draft Regional Transport Strategy as appended for formal consultation.

After extensive discussion and hearing members welcome the ambition of the draft document and specific matter relating to how the document influences a more specific delivery plan of actions, a request that the document is explicit about the requirement for more revenue funding in support of transport transition, and the resilience of transport solutions, the Partnership:

- (i) approved the draft Regional Transport Strategy for public consultation; and
- (ii) agreed that further consideration would be given to the process of monitoring the implementation and success of the Regional Transport Strategy actions.

11. Subway Modernisation – progress update

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 7 June 2022 by the Director of Subway providing the Partnership with the latest progress update on the Subway Modernisation programme.

After extensive discussion and hearing from Mr Wylie and Mrs Davidson in response to members' questions, the Partnership noted:

- (i) the continued progress made on all Subway Modernisation and improvements since the last written update to the Partnership in December 2021;
- (ii) the ongoing progress on the MSA contract including the commencement of in-tunnel train testing;
- (iii) the continued challenge towards performance improvement on the TSSSA contract;
- (iv) the impacts and potential delay and claims to both MSA and TSSSA contracts from COVID-19 as a Force Majeure event;
- (v) the ongoing discussions with ANSTA to press delivery and resolve discussions relating to MSA claims and delays;
- (vi) the requirement to extend the Atkins CTA contract, and for the Partnership Board to approve the overall budget extension to £5m;
- (vii) the progress made on operational readiness and delay mitigation actions including existing infrastructure and fleet maintenance improvements;
- (viii) that the modernisation programme remains within overall budget and funding; and

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- (ix) that a further report on progress will be presented to the Partnership in December 2022.

Thereafter, the Partnership noted a presentation from Mr Vause would be shared to members after the meeting.

12. Update on Local Bus Network

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 16 June 2022 by the Chief Executive updating the Partnership on issues relating to the local bus network in Strathclyde.

After hearing from Mr Dickson, specifically confirming that Transport Scotland had now confirmed an additional £27.5m of Covid recovery funding to bus operators across Scotland and that while this was to be welcomed did not alleviate many of the issues being faced in the longer term, including the resilience of the bus network, the Partnership:

- (i) noted the contents of the report;
- (ii) agreed to continue to make representation to the Scottish Government to provide additional recovery funding to SPT to support the vital local bus service network across Strathclyde; and
- (iii) agreed that a report be brought to a future Operations Committee or Partnership meeting to discuss in detail the issues affecting all members communities and tools available to address this.

13. Proposed Capital Amendments 2022/23

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 7 June 2022 by the Director of Finance & Corporate Support seeking Partnership approval for proposed amendments to the 2022/23 capital programme.

After hearing from Mr Wylie in response to members' questions, the Partnership:

- (i) approved the proposed amendments to the 2022/23 Capital programme as per Appendix 1 of the report;
- (ii) agreed to Grant Fund to the Local Authorities and authorised that grant award letters be concluded in line with approved governance arrangements; and
- (iii) noted that further work to quantify and manage risk, advance savings and re-phase existing projects is being undertaken to balance spend against budget.

14. Contract for the provision of smart ZoneCard services

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 14 June 2022 by the Director of Finance & Corporate Support recommending the Partnership approve the award a contract for the development and delivery of smart ZoneCard services to Unicard Ltd.

After hearing from Mr Wylie in response to members' questions, the Partnership approved the award of a contract for the development and delivery of smart ZoneCard services to Unicard Ltd at an estimated cost of £283,510.

15. Renewal of SPT's Design Technical and Professional Services Framework

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 6 June 2022 by the Director of Finance & Corporate Support seeking Partnership approval to award the renewal of SPT's Design Technical and Professional Services framework and the award of consultancy organisations to the lots within the framework.

After hearing from Mr Wylie in response to members' questions, the Partnership approved the appointment of the consultancy organisations detailed within the report for each lot within the framework.

16. Proposed award of subsidised local bus service contracts

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 8 June 2022 by the Chief Executive recommending the Partnership approve the award of a number of subsidised local bus service contracts in Glasgow City, North Lanarkshire and South Lanarkshire council areas.

After hearing from Mr Dickson in response to members' questions, the Partnership approved the awards of the contracts detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.