

Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Minute of meeting

20 September 2024

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 20 September 2024

Present Councillors Stephen Dornan (Chair), Ken Andrew, Maureen Devlin, William Lennox*, Helen Loughran*, Christy Mearns*, Malcolm Mitchell*, Alan Moir, Roza Salih*, Adam Smith*, Duncan Townson*, David Wilson and appointed members Greg Beecroft, Anne Follin, Ed McGrachan, and Andrew Walters*(from item 5)

Attending 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; Andrea Thompson, Head of Corporate Communications and Jim Griffin, Senior Solicitor / Clerk

Chair's Remarks

Partnership Standing Order No 14 requires the agreement of the Partnership to record meetings. The Chair re-iterated to the Partnership that the meeting would be recorded and potentially viewed multiple times. The Partnership members noted this.

1. Apologies

Apologies were submitted from Councillors Alex Allison, Gordon Blair, Owen O'Donnell, Donald Reid, John Ross, Sandy Watson and appointed members Jenna Dickson, George Hazel and Kirsty Orr.

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

Cllr Moir declared an 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 28 June 2024 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

4. Committee Minutes

The minutes (issued) of the undernoted committees were noted and approved as an accurate record:

- (a) Operations Committee of 23 August 2024;
- (b) Strategy & Programmes Committee of 6 September 2024;
- (c) Audit & Standards Committee of 6 September 2024.

5. Annual Accounts 2023/2024

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 30 August 2024 by the Director of Finance & Corporate Support asking the Partnership, to ensure compliance with the Local Authority Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2014, to consider the audited annual accounts and approve them for signature. The annual accounts are required to be signed no later than 30 September immediately following the financial year end.

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After hearing from Mrs Aird in response to members questions the Partnership approved the signing of SPT's financial statements for the year ending 31 March 2024

6. Regional Transport Strategy Delivery Plan

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 28 August 2024 by the Head of Policy & Planning recommending the Partnership approve the first Delivery Plan for the new Regional Transport Strategy (RTS) covering the period 2024/2025 – 2026/2027.

Following discussion and having heard from Mr Kiloh and Mrs Aird in response to members' questions, particularly:

- (a) If any decision had been received regarding the re-opening of the Bus Partnership Fund; and
- (b) If SPT had considered engaging with additional partners particularly with regard to smart ticketing and Zonocard.

the Partnership:

- (i) noted the contents of the report;
- (ii) approved the RTS Delivery Plan 2024/2025 – 2026/2027; and
- (iii) noted that a report will be brought to the Partnership meeting of 13 December updating members on uptake of the new smart Zonocard.

The Chair thanked Mr Kiloh and his colleagues for the report and their ongoing work to deliver the Regional Transport Strategy.

7. Clyde Metro Progress Update

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 4 September 2024 by the Head of Policy & Planning updating the Partnership on progress of the Clyde Metro programme.

After hearing from Mr Kiloh and Mr Robinson in response to members' questions, particularly:

- (a) If sources of investment had been identified and if a dedicated group should be formed to concentrate on funding and investment of long term public transport;
- (b) If there are appropriate internal resources to work on this project to minimise reliance on external consultants; and
- (c) The steps being taken to learn from other major projects to minimise "scope creep"

The Partnership noted:

- (i) the contents of the report;
- (ii) that the Chief Executives of SPT, Glasgow City Council and Transport Scotland work closely on this and other related matters; and
- (iii) that an appropriate programme of governance will be in place throughout the project stages.

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8. Glasgow City Region Deal: Update on East Dunbartonshire Council's Place and Growth Programme

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 5 September 2024 by the Head of Bus Strategy & Delivery updating the Partnership on progress with East Dunbartonshire Council's (EDC) Place and Growth programme.

After hearing from Mr Dickson, the Partnership noted the contents of the report including the proposed rescoping of East Dunbartonshire Council's Place and Growth programme as a result of significant cost increases.