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Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Minute of Chair's Committee

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held in Consort House, Glasgow

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Minute of the meeting of the Strathclyde Partnership for Transport Chair's Committee held in Consort House, Glasgow, on 5 July 2006.

Present Councillors Alistair Watson (Chair) and David McLachlan.

Attending Ron Culley, Chief Executive; Kirsten Clubb, Committee Clerk; Valerie Davidson, Head of Finance and John Halliday, Head of Transport Planning and Integration.

1. **Regional Transport Strategy Issues and Objectives report**

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With reference to the minute of the Partnership of 19 May 2006 (page 5, paragraph 6) when the Partnership had

- (1) approved a draft Regional Transport Strategy (RTS) Issues and Objectives report; and
- (2) agreed that officers would undertake an analysis of the issues identified through the consultation process and the regional view process and, subject to approval of the analysis of issues by the Chair and Vice Chairs, consult with key stakeholders,

there was submitted a report (issued) of 30 June 2006 by the Chief Executive,

- (a) informing members that officers had undertaken an analysis of the problems, issues and constraints and had finalised the RTS Issues and Objectives report;
- (b) advising members that in accordance with RTS guidance it was proposed to conduct a 4 week consultation with key stakeholders on its analysis of the key issues and on the draft vision and objectives; and
- (c) appending the final RTS Issues and Objectives report for the committee's approval.

After discussion, the committee approved the RTS Issues and Objectives report for consultation with key stakeholders.

2. **National Transport Strategy consultation response**

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 30 June 2006 by the Chief Executive,

- (1) informing members that as part of the launch of the Scottish Executive's Transport white paper 'Scotland's Transport Future' in June 2004, the government had made a commitment to develop a National Transport Strategy (NTS);

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- (2) advising members
 - (a) that a round of initial NTS consultation workshops had been held during Autumn 2005 and subsequent contributions had been made throughout these events by the Partnership's predecessor organisations, Strathclyde Passenger Transport and WESTRANS; and
 - (b) that although during those events, the Scottish Executive had repeatedly and expressly stated that it planned to produce a draft NTS and put it out to consultation during the first half of 2006, at this stage, rather than the anticipated draft NTS, the Executive had opted only for further discussion with a view to issuing a finalised document later in the year;
- (3) intimating
 - (a) that in light of the constrained timetable to which SPT was preparing an RTS for the west of Scotland and given the expectation that strategies should complement the NTS, the delay was regrettable; and
 - (b) that this was exacerbated by the fact that with 65 specific points for discussion, many of which deserved to be the subject of a study or report in their own right, the consultation document scale created additional resource problems for SPT at the very point when the demands of preparing the Partnership's RTS were assuming greater significance;
- (4) outlining the main transport issues that the Scottish Executive were currently consulting on including measures both to facilitate economic growth and to promote access, demand management and modal shift, sustainable transport and reducing the need to travel;
- (5) highlighting
 - (a) that as the scope of the consultation went beyond the specific public transport locus of the pre-existing Strathclyde Passenger Transport and given the broader remit of the new RTP to have account of all transport matters in the west of Scotland, it was considered prudent to canvass more widely to ensure the fullest engagement with the issues raised; and
 - (b) that consequently, the views of the Glasgow and Clyde Valley Structure Plan Joint Committee and the SPT/Council Liaison Group had been sought and incorporated where appropriate in SPT's submission; and
- (6) appending SPT's proposed response to the Scottish Executive which was required to be submitted by 13 July 2006.

After discussion, the committee approved the terms of the response, subject to the response being further developed at question 64 and in relation to question 39, a link being made between biofuels and the environment.