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Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Minute of Chair's Committee meeting

7 April 2008

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 7 April 2008.

Present Councillors Alistair Watson (Chair) and David Fagan.

Attending Valerie Bowen, Senior Clerk; Ron Culley, Chief Executive; Gordon Maclennan, Assistant Chief Executive (Customer Services); Eric Stewart, Director of Bus Operations and Rodney Mortimer, Director of Policy and Strategy.

1. Minute of previous meeting

The minute of 29 February 2008 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

2. Renewal of subsidised local bus service contract LS005A

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With reference to the minute of the Operations Committee of 18 January 2008 (page 2, paragraph 4) when that committee had agreed that temporary contract LS005T Glasgow City Centre – Mossbank (service 59) be awarded to First Glasgow at a cost of £638 per week for a three month period, in order that a longer term contract could be considered at a future meeting, there was submitted a report (issued) of 20 March 2008 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Customer Services)

- (1) providing information on tenders received for the award of a subsidised local bus service between Mossbank and Glasgow City Centre; and
- (2) seeking the committee's views on the award of the appropriate contract.

After discussion, the Partnership agreed that LS005A Mossbank – Glasgow (service 59) be awarded to First Glasgow at a cost of £107,822 for the contract period which was equivalent to £33,176 per annum.

3. Additional item

In terms of Standing Order no 3.2, the committee agreed to consider the following additional item of business.

4. SPT's proposed response to the Scottish Government's consultation on the National Planning Framework for Scotland 2

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 1 April 2008 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support)

- (1) advising members

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- (a) that the National Planning Framework 2 document published for consultation by the Scottish Government provided the strategy for Scotland's long term spatial development until 2030 and, unlike the previous document, National Planning Framework 2 would form part of the statutory basis for the modernised planning system in Scotland once approved by the Scottish Parliament;
 - (b) that publication of the consultative draft report on the National Planning Framework 2 had followed extensive consultation by the Scottish Government; and
 - (c) that the report had identified nine national infrastructure projects, 7 of which involved transport;
- (2) explaining that SPT's proposed response to the consultation highlighted areas of concern to SPT and offered suggestions for strengthening the Framework to take account of the strategic transport interests; and
- (3) appending SPT's proposed response.

After considerable discussion and having heard Mr Mortimer in further explanation and in answer to members' questions, the Committee

- (i) in view of the timescale involved, approved SPT's response to the Scottish Government's consultation on the National Planning Framework 2;
- (ii) authorised the Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support), together with the Director of Policy and Strategy, to provide additional details on the key points highlighted in the response as necessary to the Scottish Government's Assistant Chief Planner; and
- (iii) agreed that a copy of the response letter be attached to the minute.