



Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Minute of Strategy & Programmes Committee

10 May 2019

held in 131 St Vincent Street, Glasgow

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Minute of the meeting of Strathclyde Partnership for Transport's Strategy & Programmes Committee held in 131 St Vincent Street, Glasgow, on 10 May 2019

- Present** Councillors Alan Moir (Chair), Dr Martin Bartos, Ian Cochrane, Maureen Devlin, Mark Kerr, Alan Lafferty, Jim Roberts, David Shearer and David Wilson and appointed members Anne Follin, Brian Davidson, Jim McNally and Ann Faulds.
- Attending** Councillors Graham Hardie and Donald Reid. Appointed members Gregory Beecroft and Graham Johnston. Officers Gordon MacLennan, Chief Executive; Valerie Davidson, Assistant Chief Executive/Partnership Secretary; Heather Maclean, Committee Officer; Charlie Hoskins, Senior Director; Neil Wylie, Director of Finance; Gordon Dickson, Bus Development Manager and Bruce Kiloh, Head of Policy & Planning.

Chairs Opening Remarks

Cllr Moir opened the meeting by intimating that a membership change had been made by North Lanarkshire Council, and welcomed the newly nominated member to the meeting.

Mrs Davidson intimated the change in Partnership membership had been received as follows:

- Cllr Tracey Carragher had been replaced by Cllr Mark Kerr.

1. Apologies

Apologies were submitted from Councillor Anna Richardson and appointed members Alex Macaulay and Jo MacLennan.

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

The committee noted that there were no declarations of interest.

3. Minute of previous meeting

The minute of the meeting of 8 February 2019, previously approved at SPT full Partnership, was submitted and approved as a correct record.

4. Transport (Scotland) Bill – Update

There was submitted and noted a report (issued) of 5 April 2019 by the Senior Director updating the committee on the status and next steps for the Transport (Scotland) Bill.

5. Subway Modernisation – progress update

There was submitted a report (issued) of 17 April 2019 by the Senior Director updating the Partnership on progress to date of the Subway modernisation programme, specifically in the following areas:

- (a) Stations and accessibility;
 - (b) Ticketing;
 - (c) Infrastructure;
 - (d) Broomloan Depot facilities;
 - (e) Rolling Stock and Control Systems;
 - (f) Manufacturing & Supply Agreement (MSA);
 - (g) Technical Support & Spares Supply Agreement (TSSSA); and
 - (h) Organisational Change and Employee Relations (including operational readiness).
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Mr Hoskins gave a presentation, including a video highlighting the progress made with the above and which also introduced the first new rolling stock unit that arrived in Glasgow on 4 May 2019.

After discussion and hearing from Mr Hoskins in response to members' questions the Committee noted:

- (i) the progress made since the last written update to the Partnership in December 2018;
- (ii) the on-going programme of implementation of station improvements, with site works nearing completion at both St Georges Cross and Cowcaddens;
- (iii) progress on the infrastructure workstream in preparation for train testing;
- (iv) ongoing improvements of the facilities at Broomloan Depot continue in readiness for the introduction of the new rolling stock and control systems. Works to refurbish the stabling shed roof, install the new wheel lathe and construct the new OCC building continue to progress well;
- (v) a significant milestone progress has been made on the new rolling stock and control systems activity, with the first new train unit now delivered to Glasgow;
- (vi) following initial train delivery, there will be an extended period of time required for the necessary testing and commissioning and safety approvals prior to operational use;
- (vii) slippage to programme forecasts for the MSA contract with final operational dates impacted by approximately one month, with ongoing assessment of programme risks;
- (viii) progress on works and activity under the TSSSA contract with the two staff secondments now established and the stores personnel being provided by SPT, with resultant cost savings in the TSSSA contract;
- (ix) in-house activity towards operational readiness and staff engagement continues;
- (x) the ongoing positive engagement with the ORR;
- (xi) the variation to extend the Independent Competent Person contract, which is necessary to ensure we adhere to our Safety Verification Scheme requirements;
- (xii) the future need to extend the Airwave contract which will come to a future committee/Partnership meeting; and
- (xiii) the programme is within overall budget and funding.

The Committee joined with Councillor Moir in welcoming the report and congratulated all staff involved in the programme.

6. Provision of Rail Welding Services – award of contract

There was submitted a report (issued) of 24 April 2019 by the Senior Director recommending the approval of the award of a single supplier framework contract for the provision of rail welding services.

After hearing from Mr Hoskins in response to members' questions the Committee approved the award of a single supplier framework to Renown Consultants with an estimated spend of £700,000 over 4 years.

7. Tunnel Lining Technical Support – award of contract

There was submitted a report (issued) of 17 April 2019 by the Senior Director recommending the approval of the award of a contract for the provision of tunnel lining technical support.

After hearing from Mr Hoskins in response to members' questions, the Committee approved the award of a contract to COWI UK Ltd for a six year term for tunnel lining technical support for an initial value of £132,420, with future years up to £250,000 per annum.

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8. Glasgow Connectivity Commission – Phase 2 Recommendations

There was submitted a report (issued) of 29 April 2019 by the Senior Director updating the Committee on the recommendations from the Glasgow Connectivity Commission's Phase 2 report.

After significant discussion and on hearing from both officers and members in response to members' questions the Committee;

- (i) welcomed the report, specifically the matter of raising the importance of public transport and the need for it to be adequately funded;
- (ii) expressed concern that the report did not recognise the value of regional transport partnerships in delivering an improved network;
- (iii) sought clarity on the status of the report and how this is proposed to be taken forward; and
- (iv) noted the content of the commissions report.

9. SPT Ticketing Update

There was submitted and noted a report (issued) of 12 April 2019 by the Senior Director providing an update on SPT's activities in relation to public transport ticketing, including Subway Smartcard ticketing, multi-operator tickets such as Zone Card, and SPT's role in the Nevis Technologies Joint Venture.

10. Rail Update in SPT area

There was submitted a report (issued) of 17 April 2019 by the Senior Director updating the Committee on rail issues in the SPT area including:

- (a) The Edinburgh-Glasgow Improvement Programme (EGIP);
- (b) Current key SPT rail projects and initiatives including from the capital programme;
- (c) ScotRail Alliance performance improvement measures;
- (d) Rail fares and timetable changes;
- (e) Patronage on the West Coast Main Line;
- (f) Improvements to the Caledonian Sleeper service;
- (g) Scotland's Railway – Investment during Control Period 6 (2019-24);
- (h) The Williams Rail Review; and
- (i) The South West Scotland Transport Study.

After discussion, the Committee noted the contents of the report.

11. Infrastructure Commission: Call for Evidence – SPT Response

There was submitted a report (issued) of 25 April 2019 by the Senior Director recommending approval of SPT's draft response (appended to the report), to the Call for Evidence by the Infrastructure Commission for Scotland. The report highlighted that the closing date for submissions was 3 May 2019 and that SPT's response was therefore submitted as a draft and subject to Committee approval.

After discussion and hearing from Mr Kiloh in response to members' questions, the committee approved the SPT response at appendix A.

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12. Mechanical & Electrical Refurbishment Works at Buchanan Bus Station - Award of Contract

There was submitted a report (issued) of 24 April 2019 by the Assistant Chief Executive recommending the approval of an award of contract for the refurbishment of Mechanical & Electrical systems in Buchanan Bus Station.

After discussion the Committee approved the award of a contract for these works to Atalian Servest AMK Limited trading as Arthur McKay & Co Ltd for the value of £422,984.

The committee resolved that the press and public be excluded for item 13, it being considered that otherwise there would be disclosure to them of exempt information in terms of paragraph 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7a to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

13. Proposed Lease of Unit at Partick Interchange

There was submitted a report (issued) of 16 April 2019 by the Assistant Chief Executive recommending that the Assistant Chief Executive enter into and conclude negotiations for lease terms of the kiosk at Partick Interchange with the preferred bidder.

After discussion, the Committee approved the content of the report.
