



Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Minute of Strategy & Programmes Committee

24 November 2017

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 24 November 2017

Present Councillors Alan Moir (Chair), Dr Martin Bartos, Ian Cochrane, Allan Falconer, Alan Lafferty, Jim Roberts, David Shearer, Allan Stubbs, and David Wilson and appointed members Brian Davidson, Ann Faulds, Anne Follin, Alex Macaulay, Jo MacLennan and Jim McNally.

Attending Valerie Davidson, Secretary/Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support); Gordon MacLennan, Chief Executive; Eric Stewart, Assistant Chief Executive (Operations); Charlie Hoskins, Senior Director; Neil Wylie, Director of Finance and HR and Bruce Kiloh, Head of Policy & Planning.

1. Apology

An apology was submitted from Councillor Anna Richardson.

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

Mrs Davidson advised members that in terms of item 7(c) Mr MacLennan and Stewart were Directors of Nevis Technologies.

3. Minute of previous meeting

The minute of the meeting of 8 September 2017 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

4. Revenue monitoring report as at 14 October 2017 (period 7)

There was submitted a report (issued) of 7 November 2017 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support)

- (1) reminding members that the Partnership had approved a core revenue budget for 2017/2018 of £37.670m;
- (2) appending the revenue monitoring report for the period to 14 October 2017 (period 7) which detailed the main variances, together with a detailed budgetary control report;
- (3) explaining that there were other minor variances to the budget resulting in a proposed addition to the Subway Fund of £2.536m to facilitate future capital and revenue spend on Subway Modernisation and the Subway, including operational readiness as a whole; and,
- (4) informing members that, having taken account of all SPT service priorities across the revenue and capital programmes and the proposed contribution to the Subway Fund, a break-even position was forecast..

After discussion and having heard Mr Wylie in answer to members' questions and advise that all expenditure heads would continue to be monitored to ensure that the break-even position would be achieved at year end, the committee

- (a) noted the terms of the report; and
- (b) agreed to the proposed contribution to the Subway Fund/Subway Infrastructure of £2.536m.

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5. Capital programme monitoring and proposed amendments report as at 14 October 2017 (period 7)

There was submitted and approved a report (issued) of 16 November 2017 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support)

- (1) reminding members that the 2017/2018 capital programme had been approved by the Partnership on 10 February 2017 against known capital grant and other sources of funding;
- (2) intimating that actual expenditure as at 14 October 2017 (period 7) totalled £19.739m compared to a planned spend position of £20.071m;
- (3) providing a detailed financial analysis of individual projects contained within the programme, split by department;
- (4) appending proposed amendments to the capital programme, together with reasons for the adjustments listed against each project, which represented a net expenditure reduction of £6.190m;
- (5) informing members that the proposed amendments had included a reduction of £3.950m for the Subway Modernisation project "Rolling Stock & New System: Manufacture & Supply Agreement" and, since setting the 2017/2018 budget, the delivery programme had become more robust to accommodate constraints during design. A detailed update had been presented to the Partnership meeting in June 2017 and a further update would be presented to the December meeting of the Partnership;
- (6) requesting that the committee
 - (a) note
 - (i) the forecast 2017/2018 capital outturn position;
 - (ii) the financial performance of the 2017/2018 capital programme as at period 7; and
 - (iii) that further work to quantify and manage risks, advance savings and re-phase existing projects was being undertaken to balance spend against budget;
 - (b) approve the proposed amendments to the 2017/2018 capital programme as detailed in appendix 2 to the report; and
 - (c) agree
 - (i) to Grant Fund or to vary existing Grant Fund letters to the Local Authorities or other bodies for those awards up to the value of £200,000 and authorise the Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support) to complete the award letters; and
 - (ii) to recommend to the Partnership meeting of 15 December 2017 approval to grant fund or vary existing grant fund letters to the local authorities or other bodies for those awards over a cumulative value of £200,000.

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6. Mid-year Treasury Management Report 2017/2018

There was submitted and noted a report (issued) of 14 November 2017 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support)

- (1) informing members
 - (a) that SPT was required to produce a mid-year report reviewing treasury management activities undertaken in the first half of the financial year through regulations issued under the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003; and
 - (b) that this report met the requirements of both the CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management and the CIPFA Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities;
- (2) summarising the Treasury Management performance for the first six months of the financial year 2017/2018; and
- (3) concluding that, during the first half of 2017/2018, SPT had operated within the Treasury Limits and Prudential Indicators set out in the annual Treasury Management Strategy.

7. Draft Responses to Scottish Government consultations

There was submitted various reports (issued) by the Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support) and Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) appending SPT's draft response to each of the following Scottish Government consultations:-
 - (a) Financial arrangements for RTPs;
 - (b) Local Bus Services in Scotland - Improving the Framework for Delivery;
 - (c) Smart Ticketing;
 - (d) Building Scotland's Low Emission Zones;
 - (e) Free Bus Travel for Older and Disabled People and Modern Apprentices; and
 - (f) Raising Standards and Improving the Quality of Road Works; and
- (2) outlining the key issues contained within each consultation, together with the key principles of SPT's proposed responses.

After considerable discussion, particularly relating to the Local Bus Services in Scotland - Improving the Framework for Delivery response, and having heard the Chair thank officers for their hard work and effort in the preparation of the large volume of responses within the tight deadline, the committee approved the responses taking into account the comments made by members.