

Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Minute of Operations Committee meeting

18 January 2008

held at: Consort House, Glasgow

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Minute of the meeting of the Strathclyde Partnership for Transport's Operations Committee held in Consort House, Glasgow, on 18 January 2008

- Present** Councillors Davie McLachlan (Chair), David Fagan, Douglas Hay, Bobby McDill, Tommy Morrison, David Wilson and appointed members Tom Hart and Bill Ure.
- Apologies** Councillors Kaye Harmon, William Hendrie, Bill McIntosh, Marie McGurk, Chris Thompson and Alistair Watson.
- Attending** Valerie Davidson, Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support)/Secretary; Gordon Maclennan, Assistant Chief Executive (Customer Services); Eric Stewart, Director of Bus Operations and Neil Wylie, Director of Finance.
- Also Attending:** John Yellowlees, First ScotRail.

1. Minute of previous meeting

The minute of the meeting of 2 November 2007 (issued) was submitted and approved.

2. Public transport services monitoring report

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 27 December 2007 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Customer Services) informing the committee of the latest trends in the number of passengers carried and the reliability of ScotRail services in the SPT area and services directly operated and supported by the Partnership.

After considerable discussion and having heard Messrs Maclennan and Stewart in further explanation of the report and Mr Yellowlees update members on

- (1) the current suspension of rail services on the Helensburgh line due to a landslip; and
- (2) completion of the recent engineering works carried out by Network Rail at Shields Junction,

the committee

- (a) noted the contents of the report; and
- (b) agreed

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- (i) that a representative from Network Rail be invited to attend all future meetings of the committee;
- (ii) that the Secretary should write to First ScotRail requesting further information on the causes of all rail cancellations, including if figures were available, confirmation as to whether these cancellations arose due to rolling stock failing, crew availability or network failures; and
- (iii) to request information from Transport Scotland on the level of Rail Park and Ride usage at each site within SPT's area.

3. Subsidised local bus service recommendations – financial implications

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 21 December 2007 by the Chief Financial Officer advising the committee of the financial impact of members' possible decisions relating to the remaining items on the agenda.

After discussion and having heard Mrs Davidson inform members of the current funding position for the subsidised local bus budget for 2008/09 and explain that a detailed budget would be submitted to the next Strategy and Programmes Committee for recommendation to the Partnership meeting on 15 February 2008, the committee noted the report in relation to the financial impact of awarding any contracts and managing the award of contracts within the constraints of the existing budgets and agreed to have regard to them when making decisions on these matters.

4. Award of temporary subsidised bus services to replace non subsidised services being withdrawn

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 9 January 2008 by the Chief Executive,

- (1) outlining tenders received for the award of a temporary subsidised local bus service between Glasgow City Centre and Mossspark, following the withdrawal of evening and Sunday commercial bus service provision by First Glasgow from 26 January 2008; and
- (2) seeking the Partnership's views on the award of the appropriate contract.

After discussion, the Partnership

- (a) agreed that temporary contract LS005T Glasgow City Centre – Mossspark (service 59) be awarded to First Glasgow at a cost of £638 per week for a three month period; and
- (b) noted that tenders would be invited for a longer term contract for consideration at a future Operations Committee meeting.

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5. Changes to subsidised local bus services

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After consideration of a report (issued) of 9 January 2008 by the Chief Executive on recent changes to subsidised local bus services, the committee noted

- (1) that the timetable and route for contract 0917 Glasgow St Enoch Centre – Bridgeton Main Street (service 65) had been revised from 14 January 2008 following an extension to the route to Cambuslang on a commercial basis by First Glasgow;
- (2) that the timetable and route for contract 2827H Milngavie/Kilysth - Monklands Hospital (services 47/147) had been revised from 14 January 2008 following a recent extension of a commercial bus service into Waterside, Kirkintilloch by First Glasgow;
- (3) that the timetable and route for the following contracts had been revised as detailed in the report from 14 January 2008 to improve reliability –
 - contract 2829G Glasgow-Torrance-Kirkintilloch (services 68/71/72/271) ;
 - contract 4489C Parkhead Forge – Cambuslang (services 108/308); and
 - contract 5603E Shawlands – Silverburn (service 374); and
- (4) that the timetable and route for contract 4198 Harthill – Wishaw (service 366) would be revised from 21 January 2008, in order to accommodate staff at the West of Scotland NHS Laundry following the recent cancellation of their private contract bus.

6. Requests for subsidised local bus services

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 4 January 2008 by the Chief Executive, advising members of various requests for the provision of subsidised local bus services.

After discussion, the committee

- (1) agreed not to take any further action in respect of the local subsidised bus service requests at paragraphs (a) - (c) and (f) - (o) of the report; and
- (2) approved the recommendations in respect of the undernoted requests: -

Request

Decision

Introduction of a Dial-a-Bus service on Cumbernauld.

The committee agreed that options be investigated for the provision of a service.

(item d)

Provision of a subsidised local bus service in the Brackenbrae Road area of Bishopbriggs.

The committee agreed that options be investigated for limited provision, including the possible extension of an existing unsubsidised shoppers service.

(item e)