

Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Minute of meeting

7 December 2012

held in Consort House, Glasgow

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Present Councillors George Redmond (Chair), Malcolm Balfour, John Bruce, Tony Buchanan, Jim Coleman, Margaret Devine (substitute), David Fagan, Bill Grant, Alan Moir, Robert G MacIntyre, Bobby McDill, Pauline McKeever, Denis McKenna, Robert G MacIntyre, Fariha Thomas (substitute), Paul Welsh and David Wilson and appointed members Ann Faulds, Anne Follin, Tom Hart, Niall McGrogan, Jim McNally, Susan Nicol, Gavin Scott and Bill Ure.

Attending Valerie Davidson, Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support)/ Secretary; Gordon MacLennan, Chief Executive; Eric Stewart, Assistant Chief Executive (Operations); Charlie Hoskins, Director of Projects; Bruce Kiloh, Head of Policy and Planning and Gordon Dickson, Head of Transport Planning and Economics.

Also Attending: Councillor Charlie Gilbert, East Renfrewshire Council.

1. Apologies

Apologies were submitted from Councillors Kaye Harmon, Michael Holmes, Chris Kelly, Bobby Lawson, Patrick McGlinchey, and appointed member Alan Malcolm.

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

The Partnership noted that there were no declarations of interest.

3. Death of Councillor John Reid

The Chair referred to the death of Councillor John Reid who had been North Ayrshire Council's representative on the Partnership until May 2012.

4. Minute of previous meeting

The minute of the meeting of 12 October 2012 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

5. Committee minutes

The minutes (issued) of the undernoted committees were noted, subject to the 'P' paragraphs contained in the Recruitment and Strategy and Programmes Committee minutes which were approved:-

- (1) Personnel Committee of 12 October 2012;
- (2) Operations Committee of 2 November 2012
- (3) Recruitment Committee of 2 November 2012;

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- (4) Audit & Standards Committee of 16 November 2012; and
- (5) Strategy & Programmes Committee of 16 November 2012.

6. Proposed new Subway Byelaws and Conditions of Travel

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With reference to the minute of 11 December 2009 (page 6 para 7) when the Partnership had

- (1) authorised officers to undertake the statutory consultation process required to allow application to be made to the Scottish Ministers for approval of new Subway byelaws; and
- (2) agreed that the final version of the byelaws, together with conditions of travel, should be considered by the Partnership for approval on conclusion of the consultation process,

there was submitted and approved a report (issued) of 12 November 2012 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support)

- (a) appending new Subway byelaws, together with proposed conditions of travel;
- (b) explaining
 - (i) that the proposed new Subway byelaws reflected existing legislation and operational experience;
 - (ii) that application required to be made to the UK Government for revocation of the existing byelaws on the same date as confirmation of the new byelaws by Scottish Ministers; and
 - (iii) that the conditions of travel formed the contract between SPT and its customers for travel on the subway and/or use of its car-parks and could be amended by the Partnership at any time; and
- (c) recommending that the Partnership
 - (i) authorise officers to seek confirmation of the new Subway byelaws and the revocation of existing byelaws; and
 - (ii) approve the introduction of the Subway conditions of travel.

7. Fastlink progress update

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With reference to the minute of 9 December 2011 (page 2, paragraph 9) when the Partnership had approved the delivery strategy for the Fastlink project and its onward extension to Braehead/Renfrew, as well as the longer term plans for upgrading existing Quality Bus Corridors, there was submitted a report (issued) of 23 November 2012 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) providing information on progress on the development of Fastlink, particularly the Core Route from Glasgow City Centre to the New South Glasgow Hospitals;
- (2) informing members of ongoing discussions with SPT and Glasgow City Council (GCC) officials regarding City Centre Traffic Management Measures to deliver Fastlink, revitalise existing bus services and support economic development more generally;

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- (3) appending
 - (i) a map of the proposed development of the extension of the Core Route to Braehead and Renfrew, together with an artist's impression of Fastlink at Anderston Quay; and
 - (ii) the SQP development process;
- (4) advising members of the commencement of a preliminary assessment by GCC and SPT of an extension of Fastlink to the East End of Glasgow, supporting the roll out of Fastlink to further key corridors; and
- (5) recommending that the Partnership endorse
 - (a) the proposed route and halt locations for Fastlink in the City Centre; and
 - (b) the approach being taken in development of the Fastlink SQP including full consultation with local bus operators.

After consideration and having viewed a presentation by Mr Dickson and heard Messrs Stewart and Dickson in answer to members' questions, the Partnership

- (i) approved the recommendations at (5) above; and
- (ii) otherwise noted the terms of the report.

8. Subway modernisation – progress update

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 29 November 2012 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) providing information on the overall progress made on the Subway modernisation project since the last update to the Partnership in March 2012, including
 - (a) the package of new trains, signalling and control systems with four companies/consortia submissions currently progressing through the procurement process;
 - (b) the ongoing infrastructure renewal works in the tunnels, track and yard areas;
 - (c) the ongoing programme of design and implementation of the station improvements including the completion at Hillhead, commencement at Partick platform level and the significant progress on seeking approval for the award of contracts for Kelvinhall and Ibrox;
 - (d) ticketing software development, physical enabling works, test and implementation planning which were all well advanced, and early training and development of the necessary operational and customer support processes which were underway;
 - (e) the ongoing examination of innovation and improvements, including the introduction of a ground source heat pump system for the new welfare block; and
 - (f) the changes to the capital programme profile to reflect the more detailed delivery programmes that were now available for each project; and

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- (2) recommending that the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations) and Director of Projects support the technical team in reviewing progress at Monchengladbach, Germany and Zilina, Slovakia, to test components and software in line with the project requirements and to ensure appropriate senior management control.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (i) approved the recommendation at (2) above; and
- (ii) otherwise noted the terms of the report.

9. Ayr and Prestwick Statutory Quality Partnership Scheme

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With reference to the minute of 18 April 2008 (page 6, page 7) when the Partnership had approved "A Catalyst for Change", the Regional Transport Strategy for the west of Scotland 2008 – 2021 which had included a Bus Action Plan, one strand of which committed SPT to lead on member councils' behalf in developing a range of Statutory Quality Partnerships, Performance Improvement Plans and where appropriate, where market failure remained, Quality Contracts, there was submitted a report (issued) of 23 November 2012 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) intimating that SPT had been working with South Ayrshire Council and bus operators to develop a Statutory Quality Partnership (SQP) for the Ayr and Prestwick area;
- (2) outlining the aims of the Ayr and Prestwick SQP;
- (3) informing members that South Ayrshire Council had, with SPT funding assistance, implemented a series of infrastructure improvements, including progressing the development of a new Park and Ride facility at Monkton together with road improvement measures at the Dutch House roundabout, which would form an integral part of the Scheme once completed; and
- (4) recommending that the Partnership approve the formation of an SQP jointly with South Ayrshire Council for Ayr and Prestwick.

After consideration and having heard that it was anticipated that the proposed Scheme would commence on 4 March 2013, the Partnership approved the recommendation at (4) above.

10. Regional Transport Strategy Monitoring report 2011/2012

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There was submitted and approved a report (issued) of 9 November 2012 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) reminding members
 - (a) that "A Catalyst for Change", the Statutory Regional Transport Strategy (RTS) for the west of Scotland 2008-2021 had been approved by the Scottish Government in June 2008; and
 - (b) that the Transport Scotland Act 2005 required RTPs to monitor annually their respective RTS to gauge progress towards outcomes and targets;
- (2) appending SPT's draft RTS monitoring report for 2011/2012 which highlighted the significant progress SPT and its partners had made towards delivering the RTS;

- (3) highlighting
 - (a) that whilst improvements could be seen in the environmental standards of bus fleets operating in Paisley and Glasgow centre through the SQPs and the patronage on socially necessary bus services had increased, the ability of people and communities to access bus services continued to decline as the coverage of the commercial services had declined; and
 - (b) that SPT's effectiveness in continuing to deliver progress against the RTS Outcomes and the range of statutory functions, initiatives, and projects influencing travel behaviour and standard in the west of Scotland, would be dependent on future funding and partnership working with the Scottish Government, Transport Scotland, constituent authorities and other public and private sector partners.

After consideration, and having heard various officers in answer to members' questions, the Partnership approved the RTS monitoring report for 2011/2012 for submission to Scottish Ministers.

11. SPT proposed response to the Scottish Government's consultation on National Planning Framework 3

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There was submitted and approved a report (issued) of 13 November 2012 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) informing members of the Scottish Government's initial consultation on the National Planning Framework 3 (NPF3), a strategy for the long term development of land use in Scotland, which sought views on key issues and invited proposals for national developments;
- (2) appending SPT's draft response which
 - (a) sought to emphasise that "economic recovery and employment" was the key priority and that better physical connectivity and better public transport services would underpin this;
 - (b) requested consideration of the need for safeguarded status for major bus stations, Subway infrastructure and existing and proposed rail stations and infrastructure; and
 - (c) suggested that NPF3 consider as a main issue, how best to support the roles of Scotland's main cities and, in particular, improvements to the wider transport system of the conurbation including rail, Subway and bus services, standards and infrastructure;
- (3) intimating that a separate but related consultation on Scottish Planning Policy was also underway and would be reported to a future meeting;
- (4) concluding that it was essential that SPT continued to participate in the development of the hierarchy of development plans in order to take forward the objectives and strategic priorities of the Regional Transport Strategy; and
- (5) recommending that the Partnership approve SPT's draft response.

12. Proposed letting of Hillhead retail unit

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There was submitted and approved a report (issued) of 19 November 2012 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support)

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- (1) informing members that, following the extensive refurbishment of Hillhead Subway station, a retail unit of 32.5 sq m had been created;
- (2) outlining the steps taken to market the unit; and
- (3) recommending that the Partnership agree
 - (a) that a 15 year lease, which would generate a recurring annual rental of £27,500 based on the projected turnover, be entered into with Tinderbox (Scotland) Ltd; and
 - (b) that the details of the lease be agreed between the Senior Legal Advisor and the Head of Property.

13. Proposed award of contracts

After consideration of reports (issued) of 15, 19 and 29 November 2012 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations), the Partnership

- (1) approved the award of the following contracts:-

Contract	Contractor	Amount	Remarks
Call off contract for the supply of bus stop components Click here	Trueform	£63,380 per annum 3 year contract with option to extend for 1 year	Lowest tender. Price based on estimated quantities during 12 month period
SPT staff uniforms Click here	First Corporate Clothing Ltd	£56,785.50 per annum 3 year contract with option to extend for 1 or 2 years	Lowest tender
SPT security and stewarding Click here	Mitie Security Ltd	£2,379,371.00 3 year contract with option to extend for further 2 years	Lowest tender
Subway station refurbishment:			
Contractor framework appointment Click here	Graham Construction Ltd	-	Add to Framework
	Sir Robert McAlpine Ltd	-	Add to Framework
	Clancy Dowcra Ltd	-	Add to Framework

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Contract	Contractor	Amount	Remarks
Refurbishment of Ibrox station Click here	Graham Construction Ltd	£1,722,291.00	Most economically advantageous tender
Refurbishment of Kelvinhall station	Sir Robert McAlpine Ltd	£1,728,278.00	Most economically advantageous tender
Subway digital advertising-provision of 48 digital screens	Primesight	£181,345.00	Contract extension

and

- (2) agreed that the capital programme be amended to take account of the Subway digital advertising screens project.