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Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Minute of meeting

10 February 2012

held in Consort House, Glasgow

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Minute of the meeting of the Strathclyde Partnership for Transport held in Consort House, Glasgow, on 10 February 2012

- Present** Councillors Jonathan Findlay (Chair), Gilbert Davidson, David Fagan, Bill Grant, Ian Gray, Kaye Harmon, William Hendrie, Alan Moir, Bobby McDill, Denis McKenna, John McLaughlin, Jim McNally, Duncan MacIntyre, Bill Perrie, Eddie Phillips and David Wilson and appointed members Tom Hart, Alan Malcolm, Ronnie Mellis, Niall McGrogan, Gavin Scott and Bill Ure.
- Attending** Valerie Davidson, Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support)/Secretary; Valerie A Bowen, Senior Clerk; Gordon MacLennan, Chief Executive; Eric Stewart, Assistant Chief Executive (Operations) and Charlie Hoskins, Director of Projects.
- Also Attending:** Chief Superintendent Ellie Bird, Area Commander, British Transport Police and Councillor Charlie Gilbert, East Renfrewshire Council.

1. Chair's Remarks

Before the commencement of business, the Chair informed members

- (1) that the Joint Venture Company Newco, between SPT and Ecebs Ltd to provide a cost effective smartcard ticketing and payment service had now been officially named as Nevis Technologies Ltd;
- (2) that there would be a presentation at the next Partnership meeting on how the new Smartcard ticketing system would work; and
- (3) that, at that meeting, there would also be a update on Subway modernisation.

2. Apologies

Apologies were submitted from Councillors Harry Curran, Archie Graham and Appointed Member John Boyle.

3. Declaration of interest

The Partnership noted that there were no declarations of interest.

4. Minute of previous meeting

The minute of the meeting of 9 December 2011 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

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5. Committee minutes

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

- (1) Chair's Committee of 22 December 2011;
- (2) Operations Committee of 20 January 2012; and
- (3) Strategy & Programmes Committee of 27 January 2012.

Arising from the minute of the Chair's Committee (page 1, paragraph1) Mr MacLennan advised members that a report on the significant lessons learned from the recent visit to the Paris Metro in relation to Subway modernisation would be submitted to the next Partnership meeting.

6. Membership update

Mrs Davidson informed members that Glasgow City Council had intimated a change to its representation on the Partnership. She explained that Councillor John McLaughlin had been appointed to replace the late Councillor George Roberts. The Partnership noted the position and agreed that Councillor McLaughlin be appointed to the committees on which his predecessor had served. Thereon, the Chair welcomed Councillor McLaughlin to his first Partnership meeting.

7. BTP presentation: Overview of crime and disorder

There was introduced to the meeting Chief Superintendent Ellie Bird, Area Commander Scotland, British Transport Police (BTP), who gave a presentation which

- (1) informed members of the current crime trends in the SPT Network for 2009 – 2012, particularly in relation to anti social behaviour, assaults on staff and members of the public, graffiti, robberies and sectarian offences;
- (2) outlined current developments and future initiatives for BTP; and
- (3) summarised future risks which were likely to impact in the next 12/24 months.

After discussion and having heard Ms Bird in answer to members' questions, the Partnership thanked Ms Bird for her interesting and informative presentation.

8. Competition Commission Inquiry into the UK local bus market

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With reference to the minute of the Strategy and Programmes Committee of 18 November 2011 (page 6, paragraph 9) when that committee had

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(1) approved SPT's proposed response to the latest stage of the Competition Commission's UK Local Bus Market Inquiry; and

(2) noted the requirement for SPT officers to engage further with the investigation process,

there was submitted a report (issued) of 19 January 2012 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

(a) appending a summary of the Competition Commission's final report into the local bus industry, which contained a package of measures all firmly based on increasing opportunities for competition within the commercial market and the market for tendered services and covered the following categories:-

- ticketing;
- operator behaviour;
- access to bus stations;
- supported services;
- effective competition enforcement;
- partnerships; and
- reforms to the Bus Service Operator Grant;

(b) highlighting the fact that the Inquiry findings did not affect existing regulation to the extent that no changes were proposed which would simplify the process of setting up bus quality contracts or introducing franchising;

(c) explaining

(i) that the next stages of the Competition Commission's decisions potentially provided new and welcome opportunities for SPT to work with the Scottish Government, bus operators and the Office of Fair Trading to develop the next stages of guidance and legislation as outlined in the report; and

(ii) that scrutiny and engagement in the implementation of the detailed next stages would provide a further opportunity to influence the terms of new guidance and legislation which prioritised the interests of passengers; and

(d) advising members that SPT was taking forward a number of work streams within "A Step Change for Bus" including integrated ticketing and bus legislation changes which would be extended to take account of the Competition Commission's findings and to influence positively future legislation.

After discussion and having heard Mr Stewart in further explanation and in answer to members' questions, the Partnership agreed that SPT officers should work with the Scottish Government and others to assist in the early implementation of the Competition Commission's proposals in line with the findings and SPT Bus Policy.

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9. Rail 2014 public consultation – SPT draft response

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With reference to the minute of 9 December 2011 (page 7, paragraph 11) when the Partnership had

- (1) noted that Transport Scotland had issued a consultation document on the contract for Scottish Rail services "Rail 2014 – Public Consultation" which had outlined the approach to be pursued with regard to gathering public opinion regarding priorities for Network Rail's control period 5 (from April 2014) and the new ScotRail Franchise which would run from November 2014; and
- (2) agreed that a draft response would be submitted to this meeting, prior to final submission to Transport Scotland,

there was submitted a report (issued) of 26 January 2012 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (a) appending SPT's proposed response to the Rail 2014 consultation on the future of passenger rail services in Scotland for submission to Transport Scotland by 20 February 2012;
- (b) advising members that the response highlighted the following key points:-
 - the need for strong, regional input to the ScotRail Franchise;
 - the importance of ensuring there was a mandatory requirement within the franchise to participate in SPT's integrated smartcard ticketing roll out;
 - the benefits of improved co-ordination of regional investment in rail; and
 - a stronger role for SPT in rail network and new station development;
- (c) explaining that, in addition, SPT had sought and received assurances from Transport Scotland that it had no current plans for the closure of rail stations in Strathclyde; and
- (d) recommending that the Partnership approve the proposed response.

After discussion and having heard Mr Stewart in answer to members' questions, the Partnership approved the response, taking into account the comments made by members.

10. Subway modernisation: Life extension of existing trains - proposed award of contract for external refurbishment

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After consideration of a report (issued) of 1 February 2012 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations) on tenders received for the external refurbishment of the existing Subway trains, the Partnership

- (1) agreed to award the contract to Concept Application, who had submitted the lowest and most economically advantageous tender, at a fixed cost of £257,640 (excluding VAT) plus an estimated £14,000 per annum for care and maintenance; and

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- (2) noted that formal award of the contract was subject to satisfaction of the requirements of the mandatory standstill period for public sector contracts.

11. Bus shelter maintenance – Proposed award of call-off contract

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With reference to the minute of

- (1) 15 April 2011 (page 5, paragraph 8) when the Partnership had
 - (a) considered a report on tenders received for the supply and installation of bus shelters throughout the Partnership area; and
 - (b) approved Lot 1 – call off bus shelter supply and installation contract for type A shelter and Lot 2 - call off bus shelter supply and installation contract for type B shelter, both to Trueform; and
- (2) 14 October 2011 (page 7, paragraph 10) when the Partnership had
 - (a) noted that following the Partnership meeting in April 2011, legal proceedings had been initiated which had resulted in only Lot 2 shelters being awarded; and
 - (b) agreed, in pursuit of best value, to a re-tendering exercise for Lot 1,

there was submitted a report (issued) of 11 January 2012 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (i) providing information on tenders received for the award of a contract on a call off basis for the supply and installation of bus shelters throughout the SPT area (Lot 1); and
- (ii) recommending that a contract be awarded to Commutaports, who had submitted the lowest and most economically advantageous tender, for an initial period of three years commencing mid March 2012, with the option to extend for a period of one year.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (A) approved the recommendation at (b) above; and
- (B) noted that formal award of the contract was subject to satisfaction of the requirements of the mandatory standstill period for public sector contracts.

12. Register of tenders

The Partnership noted that the Register of Tenders listing contracts awarded from 1 October to 31 December 2011 was available for inspection after the meeting.