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Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Minute of meeting

11 June 2010

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 11 June 2010.

Present:	Argyll and Bute	Duncan MacIntyre
	East Ayrshire	Bobby McDill
	East Dunbartonshire	Alan Moir
	East Renfrewshire	Charlie Gilbert (deputy)
	Glasgow	Jim McNally
	Glasgow	George Roberts
	North Lanarkshire	David Fagan (Chair)
	North Lanarkshire	Mark Griffin
	Renfrewshire	Marie McGurk
	South Ayrshire	Bill Grant
	South Lanarkshire	Ian Gray
	South Lanarkshire	Denis McKenna
	South Lanarkshire	Chris Thompson
	West Dunbartonshire	William Hendrie
	Appointed Member	Gavin Scott

Apologies	East Renfrewshire	Eddie Phillips
	Glasgow	Jonathan Findlay
	Glasgow	Archie Graham
	Glasgow	Tommy Morrison
	Inverclyde	David Wilson
	North Lanarkshire	Robert Burrows
	Appointed Member	John Boyle
	Appointed Member	Tom Hart
	Appointed Member	Alan Malcolm
	Appointed Member	Niall McGrogan
	Appointed Member	Bill Ure

Attending: Valerie Davidson, Secretary; Gordon Maclennan, Chief Executive and Eric Stewart, Assistant Chief Executive (Operations).

1. Declaration of interest

The Partnership noted that there were no declarations of interest.

2. Minute of previous meeting

The minute of the meeting of 16 April 2010 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

Arising from the minute with regard to page 3 paragraph 4, Mrs Davidson advised members of the following representation on the Recruitment Committee to fill the two vacant positions of Appointed Member:-

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David Fagan;
Jonathan Findlay
Ian Gray
Denis McKenna
George Roberts
David Wilson

The Partnership noted the composition of the Recruitment Committee and agreed that Councillor Phillips or his substitute be appointed to the remaining place on the committee.

3. Committee minutes

The minutes (issued) of the undernoted committees were noted:-

- (1) Operations Committee of 7 May 2010;
- (2) Personnel Committee of 14 May 2010;
- (3) Strategy and Programmes Committee of 15 May 2010; and
- (4) Special Audit and Standards Committee of 2 June 2010.

Arising from the minute with regard to

- (a) page 2, paragraph 3 of the Personnel Committee, the Partnership agreed that the wording 'if necessary' be removed from the minute and that further information be provided on the additional savings achieved at the time of the implementation of the revised Strategy Team following the retirement of the Chief Executive;
- (b) page 2, paragraph 2 of the special Audit and Standards Committee, considerable discussion took place on the KPMG audit process. The Partnership asked that the committee at their meeting to be held later that day consider the following comments in relation to the minute:-
 - (i) page 1, para (iii) (C) that in addition to the publication of members and senior management expenses on the SPT website, the expenses of the next tier of senior management should also be published; and
 - (ii) page 2, (iii) (E) that the revision of members' expense guidelines to strengthen the expectation that public transport was the preferred mode of travel should also include senior management; and
 - (iii) page 3, para (iv) that formal recognition be given to the previous Vice Chair's valuable contribution to the organisation in the promotion of public transport in the west of Scotland.

4. SPT's response to the Scottish Parliament Inquiry on the relationship between transport and land use planning policies



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There was submitted a report (issued) of 21 May 2010 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) informing members that SPT had been consulted by the Scottish Parliament's Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change Committee on its views on the relationship between transport and land use planning policies;
- (2) enclosing SPT's response which was submitted to the com Parliament's committee on 17 May 2010; and
- (3) detailing a number of areas outlined in the response where there was scope for better integration between transport and land use planning policies.

After considerable discussion and having heard Mrs Davidson in further explanation and in answer to members' questions the committee

- (a) noted the response; and
- (b) agreed that all Heads of Transport in all constituent authorities and members of the Partnership be e mailed the response in order that all were aware of SPT's new key agency role.

5. SPT's response to the Competition Commission's inquiry into the local bus market: response to questionnaire

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With reference to the minute of 16 April 2010 (page 6, paragraph 8) when the Partnership had

- (1) considered a report which detailed the background to the current inquiry by the Competition Commission into the local bus market;
- (2) approved SPT's response to the "Statement of Issues" stage of the inquiry; and
- (3) agreed that progress reports would be submitted to future meetings of the Partnership as the Inquiry progressed,

there was submitted a report (issued) of 25 May 2010 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support)

- (a) enclosing SPT's response to a questionnaire issued by the Competition Commission to all transport authorities requesting information for the Commission's continuing inquiry into the local bus market;
- (b) explaining
 - (i) that the questionnaire sought information on voluntary and statutory quality partnerships, ticketing, the Network Enhancement Grant, bus stations, and depots in the west of Scotland and the operation of the commercial bus market and SPT's interaction with it; and

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- (ii) that it also sought information on SPT supported services in terms of how SPT decided which services were “socially necessary”, the nature of the tender process and the assessment of the results of tenders.

After consideration, the committee noted

- (a) the response; and
- (b) that SPT officers would require to be engaged with the process of the inquiry over the next two years.

6. Paisley Statutory Quality Bus 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 the 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 26 May 2010 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) providing detail on the Statutory Quality Partnership Scheme which was introduced by the Scottish Parliament under the Transport (Scotland) Act 2001 as the preferred mechanism to improve the quality of bus service provision;
- (2) informing members that SPT had been working with Renfrewshire Council and bus operators to develop a Statutory Quality Bus Partnership Scheme for Paisley Town Centre;
- (3) outlining the following aims of the Paisley Statutory Quality Bus Partnership:-
 - to improve the relative attractiveness of public transport through raising the quality of vehicles, improving the provision of information, facilitating reliability, and improving accessibility;
 - to improve the environment of the town centre by reducing bus emissions;
 - to improve patronage on bus services thereby contributing to network stability and sustainability; and
 - to contribute towards the aspirations of Paisley Vision for the regeneration of the town centre;
- (4) enclosing a draft of the Paisley Statutory Quality Partnership which had been approved by Renfrewshire Council;
- (5) explaining
 - (a) that although some operators providing services within Paisley had expressed reservations over the service standards specified in the scheme, it should be recognised that standards sought were relatively undemanding and would be

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required to be met in terms of national legislation from January 2015 onwards; and

- (b) that it was therefore considered that the proposals did not impose a significant adverse effect on competition, and what effect there was, was proportionate to the required transport outcomes; and
- (5) recommending that the Partnership approve the formation of a Statutory Quality Bus Partnership jointly with Renfrewshire Council for Paisley Town Centre.

After considerable discussion and having heard various members commend Mr Stewart for the level of expertise in his team and the valuable role which it played in supporting local authorities and members, the Partnership approved the recommendation at (5) above.

7. Notice of motion by Councillor Roberts and Councillor Gray

With reference to the minute of 16 April 2010 (page 7, paragraph 9) when the Partnership had

- (1) noted a proposed motion in the names of Councillors George Roberts and Ian Gray, notice of which appeared on the agenda, viz:- "Standing Orders of SPT -

Method of Voting

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3.17 Method of Voting

3.17.1 Except as otherwise provided in the Standing Order 3.5.3 a vote may be taken either by calling the roll or by a show of hands. When it is proposed to take the vote by a show of hands any member may object to the vote being so taken and if one-third of the members present and eligible to vote rise in their places to signify objection the vote shall be taken by calling the roll. All votes on procedure shall however be taken by a show of hands.

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- (2) agreed in accordance with Standing Order No 9a that the proposed motion should stand adjourned until the next meeting of the Partnership,

Councillor Roberts seconded by Councillor Gray then moved the terms of the motion.

Councillor Fagan seconded by Councillor McNally moved as an amendment that the motion be rejected.

After considerable discussion on the matter the motion was put to a vote.

Thereon, a sufficient number of the members present having so required in terms of Standing Order No. 3.17.1, the vote was taken by calling the roll.

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On the roll being called, the following five members voted for the motion:- Councillors Ian Gray, William Hendrie, Bobby McDill, Marie McGurk and George Roberts, and the following nine members voted against:- Councillors David Fagan, Bill Grant, Charlie Gilbert, Mark Griffin, Alan Moir, Denis McKenna, Jim McNally, Duncan MacIntyre and Chris Thompson. The motion accordingly was not approved.