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Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Minute of meeting

17 August 2007

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 17 August 2007.

Present:	East Dunbartonshire	Alex Hannah
	East Renfrewshire	Charlie Gilbert (deputy)
	Glasgow	Tommy Morrison
	Glasgow	Douglas Hay
	Glasgow	Ruth Simpson
	Glasgow	George Roberts
	Glasgow	Douglas Hay
	Glasgow	Alistair Watson (Chair)
	Inverclyde	David Wilson
	North Ayrshire	John Reid
	North Lanarkshire	David Fagan
	North Lanarkshire	Stephen Grant
	North Lanarkshire	Kaye Harmon
	Renfrewshire	Ian Nicolson (deputy)
	South Ayrshire	Bill McIntosh
	South Lanarkshire	David McLachlan
	South Lanarkshire	Eileen Logan
	West Dunbartonshire	William Hendrie
	Appointed member	Tom Hart
	Appointed member	Alan Malcolm
	Appointed member	Niall McGrogan
	Appointed member	Gavin Scott
	Appointed member	Liz Connolly

Apologies:	Argyll and Bute	Duncan McIntyre
	East Ayrshire	Bobby McDill
	East Renfrewshire	Eddie Phillips
	Renfrewshire	Marie McGurk
	South Lanarkshire	Chris Thompson
	Appointed member	Bill Ure
	Appointed member	Alan Wilson

Attending: Valerie Davidson, Secretary; Ron Culley, Chief Executive; Gordon MacLennan, Assistant Chief Executive (Customer Support); Rodney Mortimer, Director of Policy & Strategy and Eric Stewart, Director of Bus Operations.

1. Minute of previous meeting

The minute of the meeting of 29 June 2007 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

Arising from paragraph 3 of that minute, the Chair indicated that it was necessary still to appoint a Chair of the Audit & Standards Committee. Thereon, the Chair called for nominations for the post of Chair. Nominations were made as follows:-



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Councillor Duncan McIntyre, nominated by Councillor John Reid, seconded by Councillor Stephen Grant.

Councillor Bill McIntosh, nominated by Councillor William Hendrie, seconded by Councillor George Roberts.

On a vote being taken by a show of hands, 3 members voted for Councillor McIntosh and 10 for Councillor McIntyre who was duly appointed Chair of the Audit & Standards Committee.

It was agreed also that the appointment of a Vice-Chair be delegated to the Committee.

2. Chair's Committee minute of 8 August 2007

The minute of the Chair's Committee of 8 August 2007 was submitted and noted.

3. Regional Transport Strategy development and feasibility studies

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 8 August 2007 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Transport and Strategy)

- (1) intimating that the Scottish Executive had allocated £1.030m of funding to SPT for the financial year 2007/2008 to support the development of the Regional Transport Strategy (RTS), feasibility studies which contributed to the strategy and Regional Transport Partnership (RTP) core costs;
- (2) explaining that a team of SPT staff, in conjunction with staff from constituent councils, had appraised bids for feasibility studies from the councils and SPT departments based on criteria adopted as part of the development of SPT's draft RTS and in line with SPT's project appraisal system; and
- (3) attaching as appendices to the report
 - (a) a list of proposed projects in support of the RTP and RTS in the sum of £230,000; and
 - (b) a list of proposed feasibility studies in the sum of £827,000.

After consideration and having heard Mr Mortimer giving assurances in answer to members' questions, the Partnership

- (i) approved the recommended bids as detailed in the appendices to the report;
- (ii) agreed that the grant funding agreements in support of the appropriate studies be authorised by the Chief Financial Officer; and
- (iii) noted that reports on the outcome of the projects would be brought back to the Partnership.

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4. **Hyndland/Gartnavel rail study**

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With reference to the minute of the Strategy & Programmes Committee of 27 February 2007 (page 9, paragraph 10) when that Committee had approved the award of a contract for a STAG assessment of the scoping study development options for the Hyndland/Gartnavel rail project to Faber Maunsell in the sum of £96,000, there was submitted a report (issued) of 31 July 2007 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Transport and Strategy),

- (1) intimating that Faber Maunsell had now concluded the STAG Part 1 analysis;
- (2) listing a number of options for further appraisal; and
- (3) explaining
 - (a) that during the study process, Transport Scotland had intimated to SPT that due to the strategic nature of the project, leadership of the study process should now revert to them;
 - (b) that SPT would be consulted as the study process progressed to an ultimate conclusion; and
 - (c) that this juncture in the study process would form a natural break point at which to hand over leadership of the study to Transport Scotland.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (i) agreed to recommend to Transport Scotland that all of the options identified in the report be taken forward to a full STAG 2 analysis which would lead to the identification of a preferred design solution; and
- (ii) approved partnership working with Transport Scotland to deliver SPT's aspirations for Hyndland rail station and links into Gartnavel Hospital.

5. **Changes to subsidised local bus service contracts**

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After consideration of a report (issued) of 10 August 2007 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Customer Services) requesting approval to make changes to the school/local subsidised bus service contract 6443 operated by Shuttle Buses with effect from 20 August 2007 due to the registration by Stagecoach Western Buses of a commercial service which impacted on the contract, the Partnership

- (1) agreed that the contract be revised as detailed in the report at a cost of £43,940 per annum;
- (2) noted that funding for the contract would be split £19,780 East Ayrshire Council, £5,339 Rural Transport Grant and £18,821 SPT; and

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- (3) noted that due to the introduction of the commercial service, there would be an overall saving to SPT of £13,064 per annum.

6. Croy Interlink Bus Services

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 10 August 2007 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Customer Services) outlining the background to the renewal of contract 2802A (services 344, 348 and 349) Croy Interlink which was due to expire on 29 September 2007.

After consideration and having heard Mr MacLennan advise members that a tender had been received from Stagecoach West Scotland to operate the contract on a temporary basis to allow the Partnership to consider future options for the operation and funding of the contract, the Partnership approved acceptance of the tender submitted by Stagecoach West Scotland in the sum of £104,000 for a 15 week period from 30 September 2007.

7. Replacement of Public address voice alarm system

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After consideration of a report (issued) of 10 August 2007 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Customer Services) on tenders received for the replacement of the public address voice alarm (PAVA) system for the Subway, the Partnership approved acceptance of the tender submitted by Advance Integrated Systems in the sum of £530,628.13.

8. Transport Security

Mr Culley intimated that the purpose of his report was to reassure members on the actions taken by SPT to improve security, especially on the Subway and at Buchanan Street Bus Station, particularly in light of the recent Glasgow Airport terrorist incident.

He outlined a number of measures that had been put in place or which were currently being worked through, highlighted the support given to SPT by British Transport Police and informed members of a major multi-disciplinary exercise which had confirmed the robustness of SPT's procedures.

Members were informed that consideration was being given to employing more staff on customer facing duties and that SPT had the support of the Trades Unions to flex staffing arrangements and institute regular testing and inspections at all Subway stations together with Buchanan Bus Station.

The Partnership thanked Mr Culley for his report.

9. Clyde Fastlink

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 8 August 2007 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Transport & Strategy)

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- (1) informing members of work being done to develop further Clyde Fastlink (the "tram on tyres" transport system being developed to serve current and future developments on the banks of the River Clyde);
- (2) intimating that support for the construction of phase 1 of the project, which would run between Glasgow City Centre and Glasgow Harbour, was being considered by the Scottish Executive and it was hoped that a response would be received shortly;
- (3) explaining
 - (a) that it was proposed to allocate £450,000 of funding set aside in SPT's capital programme to develop Fastlink to Glasgow City Council to commission work that would contribute to building the business case for the construction of phases 2 and 3, thus making use of the time available; and
 - (b) that the expenditure would not be incurred until such time as the decision on phase 1 was received from the Scottish Executive; and
- (4) recommending that the Partnership agreed to grant fund Glasgow City Council in the sum of £450,000 to commission work that would contribute to building the business case for construction of phases two and three of the Fastlink project.

After consideration and having heard Mrs Davidson in answer to members' questions, the Partnership approved the recommendation, subject to the condition referred to at (3)(b) above.

10. Radio Clyde – Jambusters

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After consideration of a report (issued) of 8 August 2007 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support) on proposals to sponsor Radio Clyde Jambusters (the section of the radio programmes on the station which allowed listeners to phone in with warnings about traffic problems), the Partnership agreed that a sponsorship arrangement be entered into with Radio Clyde at a cost of £100,000 per annum for a three year period, with an option of two further years at the end of that period, on the terms outlined in the report.

11. CPT annual conference

This item was withdrawn from the agenda.

12. Register of tenders

The Partnership noted that the Register of Tenders listing contracts awarded from 1 April to 30 June 2007 was available for inspection after the meeting.

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13. Change of date of next meeting

The Partnership agreed that the date of the next Partnership meeting be moved from Friday, 19 October to Friday, 12 October, 2007.

