

Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Minute of meeting

20 June 2014

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 20 June 2014

- Present** Councillors Jim Coleman (Chair), Malcolm Balfour, Gilbert Davidson, Eddie Devine, David Fagan, Charlie Gilbert (substitute), Kaye Harmon, Chris Kelly, Bobby McDill, Pauline McKeever, Denis McKenna, Lawrence O'Neill, Graham Simpson (substitute), Hamish Stewart, Chris Thompson, Paul Welsh and David Wilson and appointed members Ann Faulds, Tom Hart, Alan Malcolm, Jim McNally, Niall McGrogan and Gavin Scott.
- Attending** Valerie Davidson, Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support)/Secretary; Valerie A Bowen, Senior Committee Officer; Gordon Maclennan, Chief Executive; Eric Stewart, Assistant Chief Executive (Operations); Charlie Hoskins, Director of Projects; Bruce Kiloh, Head of Policy & Planning and Gordon Dickson, Bus Development Manager.

1. Scottish Transport Awards

The Chief Executive advised members that, at the previous night's Scottish Transport Awards event held in Glasgow, SPT had been nominated in a total of seven out of sixteen award categories and had won two, viz. Local Transport Authority of the Year and the Excellence in Technology and Innovation Award for the creation of the Subway Smartcard ticketing system.

The Chair, on behalf of the Partnership, congratulated all staff involved on their success.

2. Apologies

Apologies were submitted from Councillors John Bruce, Tony Buchanan, Bill Grant, Alan Moir, Brian McGinley (substitute) and Chris Thompson and appointed member Anne Follin.

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

The Partnership noted the following declarations of interest in respect of items on the agenda:-

- (1) Ann Faulds declared an interest in respect of her advisory role to the Buchanan Galleries Partnership and as a Non-Executive Director of Lothian Buses; and
- (2) Niall McGrogan declared an interest as an employee of the Greater Glasgow Health Board.

4. Minute of previous meeting

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The minute of the meeting of 30 May 2014 was submitted and approved as a correct record, subject to the inclusion of Councillor Lawrence O'Neill in the list of apologies.

Arising from the minute, page 2, paragraph 5, Mrs Davidson reminded the Partnership that two appointed member positions remained vacant and that it would be necessary to commence a public appointment recruitment process. Following discussion, the Partnership

- (1) agreed that a Recruitment Committee be established specifically tasked with the recruitment of up to 2 appointed members; and

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- (2) noted that the Senior Committee Officer would put the necessary administrative arrangements in place

5. Committee minutes

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

- (1) Personnel Committee of 9 May 2014;
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- (2) Operations Committee of 30 May 2014; and
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- (3) Strategy & Programmes Committee of 13 June 2014.
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6. SPT Public Art Project

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 12 June 2014 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support)

- (1) reminding members that the Partnership had agreed previously that a member/officer group, chaired by Councillor David Fagan, should take forward as an integral part of the subway modernisation project, the inclusion of public art in and around the system;
- (2) intimating
 - (a) that as the station modernisation roll out continued at pace, it was considered an appropriate time to review the governance arrangements, the project interface arrangements and the impact on revenue generating advertising contracts which SPT held; and
 - (b) that to put such a review into context, there were a number of critical matters which required to be considered and assessed as part of the art project, such as the need to ensure that any art installation, where agreed, was complementary to the project in terms of installation timescales and the operational working of a station;
- (3) explaining that, as SPT relied heavily on the income generated from the advertising contract with Primesight (approx. £800,000 per annum), any art installation should not displace income from this source;
- (4) listing a set of general principles as the basis for the inclusion of public art within the subway; and
- (5) recommending that the Partnership
 - (a) consider the proposed governance arrangements and terms of reference as set out in the report;
 - (b) agree the general principles as the basis for the inclusion of public art within the subway; and
 - (c) note that future reports would be forthcoming.

After consideration and having heard Mrs Davidson in explanation and in answer to members' questions, the Partnership approved the recommendations at (5) above.

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7. Transport Outcomes Reports 2014/2015

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 19 May 2014 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) outlining the process for finalising the Transport Outcome Reports (TORs) for 2014/2015 for SPT's constituent councils and Community Planning Partnerships which included meetings with each council to discuss the draft reports for their areas;
- (2) explaining the relationship between the new Regional Transport Strategy (RTS) Delivery Plan 2014 – 2017 and the TORs;
- (3) providing information on the relationship between SPT activity and the local outcomes from each of SPT's member councils' Single Outcome Agreements (SOAs);
- (4) highlighting the intended focus of the upcoming TOR presentations to the Community Planning Partnerships; and
- (5) appending draft copies of the TORs for Argyll and Bute, East Renfrewshire, and South Ayrshire councils.

After discussion and having heard Mr Kiloh in further explanation, the Partnership noted the terms of the report.

8. New South Glasgow Hospitals' campus – SPT support for NHSGGC transport arrangements

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 12 June 2014 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) advising members that the new South Glasgow Hospitals' Campus (NSGH), located on the site of the current Southern General Hospital at Shieldhall in the south west of Glasgow, was due to be opened on a phased basis in 2015;
- (2) explaining that the NSGH would employ around 10,000 staff and accommodate 725,000 patients and visitors, which would have significant transport implications locally, city wide and across the region;
- (3) informing members that as part of the planning consent for the NSGH, an agreement had been signed by NHSGGC and Glasgow City Council under Section 75 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, which placed requirements on the former to fund and deliver a range of transport measures to help ensure sustainable access to the site for patients, visitors, staff and others; and
- (4) highlighting the key elements of the agreement, together with the work that SPT had carried out with NHSGGC, Glasgow City Council (GCC) and public transport operators to support effective transport arrangements in the run up to the opening of the NSGH.

After consideration and having Mr Kiloh in further explanation and in answer to members' questions, the Partnership noted the terms of the report.

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9. Fastlink progress update

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With reference to the minute of the Strategy & Programmes Committee of 29 November 2013 (page 3, paragraph 9) when that committee had been provided with an update covering progress in delivery of the Fastlink Core Route, there was submitted a report (issued) of 11 June 2014 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) intimating
 - (a) that the key sections of the Core Route infrastructure would be available for use by Commonwealth Games 2014 transport;
 - (b) that development of the Fastlink extension from New South Glasgow Hospitals to Braehead/Renfrew was progressing;
 - (c) that formal consultation on the Fastlink sQP would commence shortly;
 - (d) that delivery of comprehensive, high quality and frequent services in partnership with prospective Fastlink operators was likely to require network enhancement support; and
 - (e) that traffic management proposals for Fastlink in the city centre were progressing in line with the wider GCC City Centre Transport Strategy; and
- (2) informing members that, in terms of funding,
 - (a) SPT's bid for up to £4m additional funding through the European Regional Development Fund had been approved and would support eligible elements of the project, including real time passenger information, CCTV, halt infrastructure and intelligent bus priority signalling systems;
 - (b) a budget of up to £18.3 million had been approved by the Partnership for the development of the Fastlink core route, including the City Centre, in 2014/2015 and included some carry over from 2013/2014 which would allow the main Fastlink works to commence during 2014/2015 as per the infrastructure delivery programme; and
 - (c) SPT had committed additional funding of £160,000 in 2014/2015 to support the further development of an extension to the core route from the New South Glasgow Hospitals through Braehead and on to Renfrew Town Centre.

After consideration and having heard Mr Dickson in further explanation and in answer to members' questions, the Partnership noted the terms of the report.

10. Glasgow Queen Street Station Redevelopment – SPT response to consultation by Network Rail

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With reference to the minute of 9 May 2014 (page 6, paragraph 12(1)) when the Partnership had agreed the principles of a response by SPT to Network Rail's consultation on the proposed redevelopment of Glasgow Queen Street Station (GQSS), there was submitted a report (issued) of 29 May 2014 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations),

- (1) appending SPT's detailed response which covered a range of issues including access, integration, operation and passenger facilities;

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- (2) intimating that although SPT was fully supportive of the principle of redeveloping GQSS better to meet current and future passenger demand, to date, SPT believed the current proposals only partially achieved the objectives of a fully integrated facility that put the needs of the passenger first; and
- (3) informing members that officers would continue to seek to influence and engage with all relevant partners through the Queen Street Station Stakeholder Group and Queen Street Area Passenger Forum as the redevelopment of GQSS progressed, to mitigate SPT's concerns and maximise the benefits to the travelling public.

After considerable discussion and having heard Mr Hoskins in answer to members' questions, the Partnership noted the detailed response to the consultation.

11. Transport for the Commonwealth Games 2014 – SPT progress update

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With reference to the minute of 20 September 2013 (page 3, paragraph 8) when the Partnership had noted that a progress report on transport for the Commonwealth Games 2014 (CG2014) would be submitted to every meeting of the Partnership until further notice, there was submitted a report (issued) of 6 June 2014 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) appending a summary of SPT's current status in terms of operational readiness, project delivery and transport planning advice and support;
- (2) advising members that SPT managed projects and operational activities were on programme and on budget for completion in time for the Commonwealth Games;
- (3) intimating that, since the last update to the Partnership,
 - (a) SPT had begun to provide assistance in relation to co-ordination of additional bus resources which might be required during Games time;
 - (b) SPT officers had been facilitating a regular series of joint workshops between SPT and CG2014 with the aim of progressing and resolving key outstanding transport issues, the focus of which had been on bus resourcing including network strengthening contingency arrangements, shuttle bus arrangements for venues and the Athlete's Village, provision of accessible vehicles, park-and-ride site operations and Blue Badge parking; and
 - (c) SPT had been requested to design a solution for a limited shuttle bus service, funded jointly by CG2014 and Glasgow City Council, to support areas of Dalmarnock whose residents, as a consequence of the Games Village security cordon, would otherwise have had difficulties accessing general services; and
- (4) informing members that SPT officers had had useful input to CG2014's Travel Demand Management work stream, and had been working also with Glasgow Life to arrange for Zoncards for their volunteers during the Games.

After consideration and having heard Mr Stewart in further explanation, the Partnership noted the terms of the report which was the last update to the Partnership before the commencement of the Games on 23 July 2014.

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12. Collegelands, High Street, Glasgow

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After consideration of a report (issued) of 6 June 2014 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support) requesting the Partnership's consent to negotiate and conclude a sale, jointly with the owners of adjoining land, of SPT's land at Collegelands, High Street, Glasgow, the Partnership agreed

- (1) that the site shown delineated in plan A attached to the report, be declared surplus to requirements as having no further transport purpose;
- (2) that a legal agreement be entered into with the adjoining occupier Dawn Developments, to sell the parcel of land as outlined and to create a time limited joint venture, for the sole purpose of developing and disposing of the remaining land parcel, and
- (3) that the existing leases be terminated to allow the site to be developed.

13. Termination of Kiosk Lease at Govan Subway Station

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Following consideration of a report (issued) of 22 May 2014 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support) recommending the Partnership's approval to accept a request by the existing tenant for early termination of the retail kiosk lease at Govan Subway Station, the Partnership agreed to the request on the terms outlined in the report.

14. Subway modernisation infrastructure: Tunnel pumping station upgrade – Proposed award of contract

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After consideration of a report (issued) of 11 June 2014 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations) on tenders received for the upgrade of the Subway tunnel drainage pumping system, the Partnership agreed to the award of a contract to the most economically advantageous tenderer, WGM Engineering Ltd, with an overall contract budget of up to £2,067,755 plus an allowance for risk and contingency for the scope of works tendered.