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## **Strathclyde Partnership for Transport**

### **Minute of special meeting**

**22 January 2010**

held in Consort House, Glasgow

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<b>Present:</b>	Argyll & Bute	Councillor Duncan MacIntyre
	East Ayrshire	Councillor Bobby McDill
	East Dunbartonshire	Councillor Alan Moir
	East Renfrewshire	Councillor Charlie Gilbert (deputy)
	Glasgow	Councillor Alex Glass (deputy)
	Glasgow	Councillor Tommy Morrison
	Glasgow	Councillor Jim McNally
	Glasgow	Councillor George Roberts
	Glasgow	Councillor Alistair Watson (Chair)
	Inverclyde	Councillor David Wilson
	North Lanarkshire	Councillor Robert Burrows
	North Lanarkshire	Councillor David Fagan
	North Lanarkshire	Councillor Mark Griffin
	Renfrewshire	Councillor Marie McGurk
	South Ayrshire	Councillor Bill Grant
	South Lanarkshire	Councillor Ian Gray
	South Lanarkshire	Councillor Davie McLachlan
	South Lanarkshire	Councillor John Murray (deputy)
	West Dunbartonshire	Councillor William Hendrie
	Appointed Member	John Boyle
	Appointed Member	Liz Connolly
	Appointed Member	Thomas Hart
	Appointed Member	Alan Malcolm
	Appointed Member	Gavin Scott
	Appointed Member	Bill Ure

<b>Apologies:</b>	East Renfrewshire	Councillor Eddie Phillips
	Glasgow	Councillor Archie Graham
	North Ayrshire	Councillor John Reid
	South Lanarkshire	Councillor Chris Thompson
	Appointed member	Niall McGrogan
	Appointed member	Ronnie Mellis

**Attending:** Valerie Davidson, Secretary/Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support); Valerie A Bowen, Senior Clerk; Gordon MacIennan, Assistant Chief Executive (Operations) and Neil Wylie, Director of Finance.

### 1. Declaration of interest

The Partnership noted that there were no declarations of interest.

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## 2. Budget proposals 2010/2011

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 7 January 2010 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support)

- (1) reminding members
  - (a) that the context of this year's revenue budget settlement was the Scottish Government's announcement in September 2009 of an overall reduction in the draft budget proposals for local government of £174 million for 2010/2011; and
  - (b) that ongoing budgetary pressures throughout the organisation, most notably in earned income from Subway patronage and bank interest, were expected to continue into 2010/2011 and beyond and would be compounded further by the expected tight financial settlement and increasing requirement for some services;
- (2) appending
  - (a) a proposed balanced revenue budget of £39.556m based on a flat requisition from constituent authorities ie no increase or decrease on 2009/2010 (Appendix 1);
  - (b) a range of efficiency measures which had been identified for implementation in 2010/2011 to ensure a balanced budget (Appendix 2); and
  - (c) a paper illustrating the funding spilt by constituent authority (Appendix 3). A separate budget paper on the funding requirement for concessionary travel had been presented to the Strathclyde Concessionary Travel Scheme Joint Committee;
- (3) informing members
  - (a) that, although SPT derived income from only a small number of areas, mainly fares for passengers and fees and charges to operators for the use of SPT facilities, it was proposed at this stage to make only minor changes to fares,
  - (b) that, although both subway single and return fares would be maintained at current levels, it was proposed to increase the adult and child multi journey tickets as detailed below:-

<b>Ticket type</b>	<b>Proposed fare</b>
Adult 10 journey	Increase from £10.00 to £11.00
Adult 20 journey	Increase from £19.00 to £20.00
Adult 7 day	Increase from £13.00 to £15.00
Child 10 journey	Increase from £5.00 to £5.50
Child 20 journey	Increase from £9.50 to £10.00
Child 7 day	Increase from £6.50 to £7.50

- (c) that it was the intention to seek approval to allow for trial amendments to fares, fees and charges, for a period of up to six months, to allow for targeted

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interventions to seek to increase patronage with specific customer types, the results of which would be reported to the Partnership and approval sought for any permanent changes;

- (4) concluding that the proposed budget and service changes outlined in the report sought to address SPT's goal to ensure that it continued to deliver frontline services which addressed the needs of the west of Scotland within the affordability of all of its funding partners; and
- (5) recommending that the Partnership
  - (a) approve
    - (i) in principle that the Partnership budget should seek no increase to the local authority requisition; and
    - (ii) the proposed amendments to the fares, fees and charges detailed in the report, including the provision for trial amendments; and
  - (b) agree to the implementation of the service changes outlined in the report.

After considerable discussion and having heard the Chair and Mrs Davidson in answer to members' questions and Councillor McGurk in support of retaining the ferry service between Renfrew and Yoker, the Chair, seconded by Councillor McLachlan, moved that the budget proposals for 2010/2011 be approved.

Councillor McGurk, seconded by Councillor Roberts, moved as an amendment that the recommendation "agree the implementation of service changes as outlined in Appendix 2" be replaced with "agree the implementation of service changes as outlined in Appendix 2 with the exception of the Renfrew Ferry and that this item should be presented to a future meeting for discussion, supported by a full evaluation of passenger numbers, trip purposes and options for cost reductions through the use of new pontoons and smaller vessels and how future ferry services might compliment wider, faster ferry operations which are currently an aspiration of SPT".

Thereon, Councillor McGurk objected to the vote being taken by a show of hands. There being insufficient members signifying their support for a roll call in terms of Standing Order 3.17.1, on a vote being taken by a show of hands, 5 members voted for the amendment and 14 for the motion which was accordingly declared to be carried.

### **3. Proposed amendment to Standing Orders**

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 5 January 2010 by the Secretary proposing an amendment to the Standing Orders in order to reduce the frequency of Partnership and Committee meetings.

In accordance with Standing Order No. 9, it was agreed that the proposed amendment to the Standing Orders stand adjourned to the next meeting of the Partnership.