

## Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

### Minute of meeting

**22 June 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 22 June 2012**

**Present** Councillors David Fagan (Chair), Malcolm Balfour, Tony Buchanan, Bill Grant, Kaye Harmon, Michael Holmes, Bobby Lawson, Alan Moir, Bobby McDill, Pauline McKeever, Denis McKenna, Chris Thompson and Paul Welsh and appointed members Tom Hart, Alan Malcolm, Niall McGrogan and Bill Ure.

**Attending** Valerie Davidson, Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support)/ Secretary; Valerie A Bowen, Senior Clerk; Gordon MacLennan, Chief Executive and Eric Stewart, Assistant Chief Executive (Operations and Charlie Hoskins.

### **1. Apologies**

Apologies were submitted from Councillors John Bruce, Jim Buchanan (Substitute), Jim Coleman, Chris Kelly, Robert G MacIntyre, George Redmond and David Wilson and appointed member Gavin Scott.

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

The Partnership noted that there were no declarations of interest.

### **3. Minute of previous meeting**

The minute of the meeting of 31 May 2012 was submitted and approved as a correct record, subject to the replacement of the number "5" by the number "7" on page 2, paragraph 7.

Arising from page 5, paragraph 11 and following a suggestion by Councillor Moir, the Partnership agreed that all members be issued with a copy of SPT's document "A Step Change for Bus" which contained proposals for an improved bus policy in Scotland.

### **4. SPT Committee membership 2012**

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With reference to the minute of 31 May 2012 (page 13 paragraph 9) when the Partnership had agreed, inter alia, that proposals be brought forward to this meeting for membership of committees, based on members' preference, political party, geographical and gender spread, there was submitted a summary list which highlighted a proposed allocation of members for each of the committees, based as far as possible on the wishes of the members who had completed the questionnaires.

After consideration, the Partnership approved the representation from the constituent councils and appointed members on the Operations, Strategy and Programmes, Personnel and Audit and Standards Committees as highlighted in the summary list.

### **5. Appointed member voting rights**

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Reference was made to the minute of 31 May 2012 (page 3, paragraph 9) when the Partnership, inter alia, had noted that although it had agreed previously that appointed members should have no voting rights either on the Partnership or any of its committees, at its meeting on

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30 March 2012, members had agreed to a request that a report on the voting rights of non-elected members be submitted for consideration at this meeting.

Thereon, there was submitted a report (issued) of 7 June 2012 by the Secretary/Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support)

- (1) providing information in relation to the role of appointed members on the Partnership, together with a summary of the role of appointed members on the other Regional Transport Partnerships; and
- (2) requesting that members give consideration to whether or not the role of appointed members should be extended to include voting rights.

Niall McGrogan then spoke in support of his request that appointed members' voting rights be maximised and, following considerable discussion, the Partnership agreed that a series of meetings take place with the Chair, Vice-Chairs and appointed members over the summer period and that a further report be brought back to the Partnership.

## 6. SPT representation on outside bodies

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With reference to the minute of 31 May 2012 (page 6, paragraph 12) when the Partnership had

- (1) considered a report detailing various outside bodies on which the Partnership might wish to be represented; and
- (2) agreed that the list be remitted to the Chair and Vice-Chairs for them to make the necessary appointments,

there was submitted a summary list (issued) of 15 June 2012 advising members of the appointments agreed by the Chair and Vice-Chairs.

After consideration and having heard Mrs Davidson inform members that representation on the high speed rail group, Greenguage 21, was still under consideration due to funding issues, the Partnership approved representation as undernoted:-

Outside Body	Member	Substitute
Local Government Association ITA Special Interest Group	1 member	-
Glasgow International Airport Consultative Committee	George Redmond	David Fagan
Glasgow Prestwick Airport Consultative Committee	George Redmond	Bill Grant
West of Scotland Road Safety Forum	1 officer	-
Strathclyde Concessionary Travel Joint Committee	George Redmond	-
North Channel Partnership Steering Group	George Redmond	David Fagan

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Outside Body	Member	Substitute
Clyde Ferry Users' Group	Denis McKenna	-
RTP Chairs' Committee	George Redmond	-
Sustainable Glasgow	George Redmond	-
Freight Quality Partnership	Gavin Scott	Alan Moir
Clyde Valley Community Planning Partnership	Chair or Vice Chair (depending on diary commitments)	-

#### 7. **2011/2012 Draft Abstract of Accounts**

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There was submitted and approved a report (issued) of 7 June 2012 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support) requesting that the Partnership agree

- (1) that the draft abstract of the annual accounts appended to the report for the financial year ending 31 March 2012 be submitted to the Controller of Audit no later than 30 June 2012;
- (2) to the write off of debt of £37,339 in relation to the rental of an ATM at St Enoch's station and a contribution to a bus service at Maxim; and
- (3) to note the asset impairment of £4.396m.

#### 8. **Services and benefits delivered by SPT to member council areas: Transport Outcome Reports for 2012/2013**

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 25 May 2012 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support)

- (1) outlining the process for finalising the Transport Outcome Reports (TORs) for 2012/13;
- (2) providing information on the contribution TORs made to setting out the benefits of effective partnership working between SPT, Councils and Community Planning partners in identifying and delivering transport priorities;
- (3) informing members of the combined value and savings that SPT delivered in the provision of services on a regional basis, together with details of the priorities for 2012/2013; and
- (4) appending draft TORs for North Ayrshire, North Lanarkshire and West Dunbartonshire.

After discussion and having heard Messrs Maclennan and Hoskins in answer to members' questions, the Partnership

- (a) agreed that officers investigate

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- (i) the possibility of preparing a flyer, based on each TOR, for members to distribute at meetings in their local area; and
  - (ii) the provision of a link to the relevant TOR on each constituent council website; and
- (b) otherwise noted the terms of the report.

## 9. **Subway re-structure: Progress report**

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 8 June 2012 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support)

- (1) reminding members
- (a) that the Personnel Committee, at its meeting on 14 October 2012, had agreed to significant proposals to re-structure the Subway's organisational structure;
  - (b) that the principal driver for change was a renewed focus on service delivery, improved efficiency, staff empowerment and, ultimately, a reduction in the cost basis; and
  - (c) that these changes had been identified as a critical success factor in the delivery of the subway modernisation project, including adherence to the business case and government funding support expectations;
- (2) informing members
- (a) that following a consultation process which had been approached positively on all parts, an agreement with Unite the Union had been established;
  - (b) that the agreement was based on all previous labour agreements and working practices being withdrawn and replaced with revised arrangements for rosters, average working hours which allowed greater flexibility to meet both operational and maintenance requirements, reduced headcount in all areas and a consistency of public holiday entitlements across all groups; and
  - (c) that, in recognition of the significant change in terms and conditions, it was proposed that all staff affected would receive a single payment of £750 upon acceptance of such, the cost of which could be accommodated within the Subway budget and savings to be generated, ensuring that the aim of achieving £1.1m overall savings was met; and
- (3) recommending that the Partnership
- (a) note the significant progress made in the re-structuring of the Subway;
  - (b) note that the new agreement would remove all current terms and conditions and working practices; and
  - (c) agree that the revised agreement be signed by the Chief Executive.

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After consideration and having heard various members pay tribute to Mr Stewart, his officers and staff for the work carried out in reaching this significant change to the operation of the Subway and the approach that all parties had adopted to achieve this, the Partnership approved the recommendations at (3) above.

## 10. Subway modernisation - Award of contracts

After consideration of reports (issued) of 30 May and 5 June 2012 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations), the Partnership approved the award of the following contracts:-

Contract	Contractor	Amount	Remarks
Infrastructure Workstream – Buchanan Street to Cowcaddens tunnel renewal and improvement works	Balvac Ltd <a href="#">Click here</a>	£1,294,831.91 (excluding VAT)	Most economically advantageous tender
Station refurbishment project - Partick Station (platform level)	Clancy Docwra Ltd <a href="#">Click here</a>	£1,207,426.13 (excluding VAT)	Negotiated procurement process in accordance with OJEU notice issued in April 2010 in relation to Hillhead station which intimated that SPT would retain the option to negotiate with the preferred bidder for similar works at further stations

## 11. Register of Tenders

The Partnership noted that the Register of Tenders listing contracts awarded from 1 January to 31 March 2012 was available for inspection after the meeting.