

Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Minute of Strategy & Programmes Committee meeting

14 May 2010

held in Consort House, Glasgow

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Minute of the meeting of the Strathclyde Partnership for Transport's Strategy & Programmes Committee held in Glasgow on 14 May 2010

Present Councillors David Fagan (Chair), Robert Burrows, Jonathan Findlay, Charlie Gilbert (deputy), Ian Gray, Archie Graham, Bill Grant, Duncan MacIntyre, Jim McNally, George Roberts and appointed members John Boyle, Alan Malcolm and Gavin Scott.

Apologies Councillors Denis McKenna and Eddie Phillips.

Attending Valerie Davidson, Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support)/Secretary; Eric Stewart, Assistant Chief Executive (Operations) and Charlie Hoskins, Director of Projects.

Also Attending Councillors Mark Griffin, Alan Moir and Chris Thompson and John Yellowlees, First ScotRail.

1. Declaration of interest

The committee noted that there were no declarations of interest.

2. Minute of previous meeting

The minute of the meeting of 26 March 2010 (issued) was submitted and approved as a correct record.

Arising from the minute with regard to page 3, paragraph 5, Mr Hoskins informed members that he had been advised work would commence on site for the construction of Croy Rail Station Car Park on 7 June 2010.

3. Capital programme monitoring and proposed amendments and additions

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 5 May 2010 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support)

- (1) reminding members that the 2010/2011 capital programme had been approved by the Partnership on 12 February 2010 against known capital funding of £20m from the Scottish Government;
- (2) informing members
 - (a) that, as at present there were a number of projects which were judged to have a high inherent risk of not delivering full budgeted spend within 2010/2011 for a variety of reasons, particular monitoring would be given to those projects and more specific information reported to members when available; and

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- (b) that a risk assessment exercise had indicated a spend risk of £3m to £6m within the 2010/2011 capital programme;
- (3) appending
 - (a) proposed amendments to the capital programme, together with reasons for the adjustments listed against each project, which gave a revised outturn figure of £34,658m; and
 - (b) details of grant awards which were required to be made to local authorities in support of local authority delivered projects; and
- (4) recommending that the committee
 - (a) note the results of the risk assessment exercise;
 - (b) approve the formal amendments to the 2010/2011 capital programme; and
 - (c) approve grant funding awards as detailed in the report and authorise the Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support) to sign the grant funding letters to expedite the projects.

After discussion and having heard Mrs Davidson and Mr Stewart in answer to members' questions, the committee approved the recommendation at (4) above.

4. Network Rail: "Moving ahead – Planning tomorrow's railways" – update

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 27 April 2010 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support)

- (1) advising members of Network Rail's document "Moving ahead: Planning tomorrow's railways" which outlined their aspirations for the west of Scotland rail network up to 2018;
- (2) enclosing as an appendix to the report a summary of the main proposals in the document; and
- (3) explaining
 - (a) that although the document was not a formal consultation by Network Rail, there was considerable value in continuing the dialogue between SPT and Network Rail to ensure that future rail network enhancements met the aspirations of both bodies and those of wider transport industry partners, member councils and stakeholders; and
 - (b) that whilst the document dealt with proposed schemes which Network Rail and industry partners were seeking to deliver, the omission of a strategy pertaining to the delivery of Glasgow Crossrail

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was one which SPT would wish to pursue as a matter of some urgency with relevant parties.

After discussion and having heard Mrs Davidson in further explanation and various members comment on the document, the committee

- (i) noted the terms of the report; and
- (ii) agreed
 - (A) that SPT officers would continue to liaise with Network Rail on issues of mutual interest; and
 - (B) that further information be requested from Transport Scotland on the proposed future infrastructure enhancements at Hyndland East junction.