

Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Minute of Strategy & Programmes Committee

15 May 2015

held in Consort House, Glasgow

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Minute of the meeting of Strathclyde Partnership for Transport's Strategy & Programmes Committee held in Consort House, Glasgow on 15 May 2015

- Present** Councillors Kaye Harmon (Chair), Jim Coleman, Gilbert Davidson, Eddie Devine, Allan Falconer, Pauline McKeever, Denis McKenna, Frank McNally and Paul Welsh and appointed members Ann Faulds, Anne Follin, Tom Hart, Jim McNally, Alan Malcolm 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) and Bruce Kiloh, Head of Policy & Planning.
- Also attending** John Yellowlees, Scott Prentice, Jerry Farquharson and Iain Wilson, ScotRail.

1. Apologies

Apologies were submitted from Councillors John Bruce and Bill Grant.

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

Anne Follin declared an interest in respect of her advisory role in relation to planning matters concerned with Fastlink.

3. Minute of previous meeting

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The minute of the meeting of 27 March 2015 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

Thereon, Mr MacLennan updated the members on transport to the South Glasgow University Hospitals complex and the current position in relation to the western approach proposals.

4. Community Planning Update

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With reference to the minute of 7 February 2014 (page 5, paragraph 7) when the committee had, inter alia, approved SPT's response to the Scottish Government's Consultation on the Community Empowerment Bill, there was submitted and noted a report (issued) of 9 April 2015 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) reminding members that the Bill had contained proposals to give people in communities, and those supporting them in the public sector, new ways to help deliver improved public services and to enhance further the statutory footing of Community Planning Partnerships;
- (2) intimating
 - (a) that these changes would have impacts on SPT in its role as a statutory Community Planning partner in terms of how resources were allocated, how services were designed and delivered and on accountability; and
 - (b) that SPT was represented on the Boards of ten of the twelve CPPs in its area, the exceptions being Glasgow CPP where SPT was a member of the Executive Group, and Argyll & Bute CPP where SPT was a member of the Helensburgh & Lomond area Community Planning Group; and

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- (3) informing members
 - (a) that, in light of recommendations made by Audit Scotland following a review of Community Planning in November 2014, and the emerging deliberations on the Community Empowerment Bill, CPPs had been reviewing their structures, how they focussed their activities, developed approaches to joint resourcing and introduced enhanced performance management;
 - (b) that SPT would continue to play its part in meeting its statutory obligations and would reflect its commitment to meeting CPP Single Outcome Agreement outcomes in its refreshed Transport Outcomes Reports (TORs) for 2015/16 which would be published in the summer of 2015 and be subject to a separate report to the Partnership; and
 - (c) that the TORs provided a clear steer which would enable SPT to plan its future investment programmes.

5. Carbon Management and Environmental issues update

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With reference to the minute of 22 August 2014 (page 3, paragraph 8) when the committee had noted a progress report on SPT's Carbon Management Plan, there was submitted a report (issued) of 21 April 2015 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) intimating that The Scottish Government had recently undertaken a consultation on proposed draft reporting requirements in relation to the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 together with a consultation on a draft Low Emission Strategy for Scotland;
- (2) appending
 - (a) SPT's draft response to the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 draft reporting requirements consultation; and
 - (b) a joint response by Regional Transport Partnerships contributed to by SPT officers) to the Scottish Government's consultation on a draft Low Emission Strategy for Scotland, the closing date for which was 10 April 2015;
- (3) informing members that, as the revisions by the UK Government to electricity emissions' factors had a direct impact on SPT's carbon reduction target, SPT would undertake a review of its current target and supporting actions;
- (4) explaining that the review would commence following SPT's forthcoming office move from Consort House to its new premises at St Vincent Street and a further update on how this work was being progressed would be prepared in due course; and
- (5) confirming that SPT remained fully committed to reducing its carbon emissions, improving air quality from its vehicles and encouraging reduced carbon emissions and improved air quality across the west of Scotland.

After consideration, the committee

- (i) approved SPT's response to Scottish Government consultation on Climate Change reporting requirements at Appendix 1 to the report;

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- (ii) noted SPT's contribution to the joint RTP response on the Scottish Government's consultation on its proposed LES strategy; and
- (iii) otherwise noted the terms of the report.

6. Proposed award of contracts

After consideration of reports (issued) of 23 April and 8 May 2015 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations), the committee approved the award of the following contracts:-

Contract	Contractor(s)	Amount	Remarks
Tunnel lining improvement technical support services Click here to view report	Ove Arup & Partners Scotland Ltd	Up to £350,000 with an option to extend for a further 12 months (£175,000)	Most economically advantageous tender. Call off contract
Fibre network infrastructure Click here to view report	Capita Business Services	£379,468 plus additional allowance of up to £25,000 for additional connection chambers	--

7. Rail Update in SPT area

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There was submitted and noted a report (issued) of 20 April 2015 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) updating members on strategic rail issues in the SPT area, particularly in relation to the new ScotRail franchise renewal which had commenced on 1 April 2015, timetable changes with effect from May 2015, Smartcard developments, park and ride developments, the Edinburgh Glasgow Improvements Project (EGIP) and the closure of Glasgow Queen Street high level station closure between 20 March and 8 August 2016 as a result of works on the Cowllairs Tunnel;
- (2) explaining that in light of a recommendation by the Smith Commission, the Scottish Government had confirmed that throughout 2015, it would engage with stakeholders regarding the proposed integration of British Transport Police (BTP) functions within Police Scotland and SPT Officers would continue to monitor this with regard to the current contract with BTP for policing the subway;
- (3) informing members
 - (a) that SPT would continue to engage actively with rail industry partners through the West of Scotland Rail Forum and the emerging West of Scotland Transport Integration Forum of which the committee had approved the principles of at its last meeting;

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- (b) that SPT would continue to seek to improve the customer experience through progressing initiatives such as smartcard, Park and Ride, new station proposals and seeking to minimise the impact of EGIP works; and
- (c) that the commitment by Abellio the new Scotrail franchise holder, to utilise the Nevis Technologies-created Subway Smartcard infrastructure and systems for the rail network was a significant achievement for SPT and, once delivered, would be a major step forward in transport integration in the west of Scotland.

Thereon, Scott Prentice, Head of Business Development, ScotRail, gave a presentation to members on the proposed Queen Street Rail Station High Level Station Closure and draft proposals for the diversion of rail services.