

Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Minute of Strategy & Programmes Committee meeting

19 November 2010

held in Consort House, Glasgow

contact officers:

Valerie A Bowen	phone: 0141 333 3130
Kirsten Clubb	phone: 0141 333 3576

Minute of the meeting of the Strathclyde Partnership for Transport's Strategy & Programmes Committee held in Glasgow on 19 November 2010

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

Attending Valerie Davidson, Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support)/Secretary; Valerie A Bowen, Senior Clerk; Gordon MacLennan, Chief Executive; Eric Stewart, Assistant Chief Executive (Operations); Neil Wylie, Director of Finance & HR and Charlie Hoskins, Director of Projects.

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 17 September 2010 (issued) was submitted and approved as a correct record.

3. Revenue monitoring report as at 9 October 2010

[Click here to view report](#)

There was submitted a report (issued) of 28 October 2010 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support)

- (1) reminding members that the Partnership had approved a revenue budget for 2010/2011 of £39.556m;
- (2) appending the revenue monitoring report for the period to 9 October 2010 (period 7);
- (3) informing members that, based on the information to date, an underspend of £48,000 was forecast; and
- (4) outlining the main reasons for the projected underspend.

After consideration and having heard Mr Wylie in further explanation of the report, the committee noted the projected outturn position on the information available at the end of period 7.

4. Capital programme monitoring and proposed amendments

[Click here to view report](#)

There was submitted a report (issued) of 22 October 2010 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support)

19 November 2010

- (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) intimating
 - (a) that, since the last report to members, a number of identified risks had now materialised into formal outturn reductions and these were detailed in appendix 2 of the report;
 - (b) that the current spend risk within the 2010/2011 capital programme was estimated now to be in the region of £6m; and
 - (c) that reasons for potential risk included projects due for completion in the final period of 2010/2011 (and therefore sensitive to delivery programme slippage into 2011/2012) and projects with outstanding legal and contractual issues;
- (3) confirming that, as the financial year progressed, these projects would be subject to a risk review to predict more accurately 2010/2011 spend;
- (4) providing a detailed financial analysis of individual projects contained within the programme, split by department;
- (5) informing members
 - (a) that SPT's revised available funding, including a revised surplus carry forward of £3m from 2009/2010, was £26.621m; and
 - (b) that actual expenditure to date totalled £5.689m compared to a planned spend position of £9.849m;
- (6) appending proposed amendments to the capital programme, together with reasons for the adjustments listed against each project, which gave a revised outturn figure of £30.929m ; and
- (7) recommending that the committee
 - (a) note the results of the risk assessment exercise;
 - (b) note the financial performance of the 2010/2011 capital programme as at 9 October 2010 (period 7);
 - (c) approve the formal amendments to the 2010/2011 capital programme as detailed in the report; and
 - (d) note that further work to manage risks, advance savings and re-phase existing projects was being undertaken to balance spend against budget.

After discussion and having heard Messrs Wylie and Hoskins in answer to members' questions, the committee approved the recommendations at (7) above.

19 November 2010

5. Treasury Management mid-year report 2010/2011

[Click here to view report](#)

There was submitted and noted a report (issued) of 30 August 2010 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support)

- (1) informing members that, in accordance with the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy "Treasury Management in Public Services Code" and SPT's Financial Regulations, a mid year report required to be produced to present an overview of treasury activities undertaken in the first half of the year;
- (2) summarising the Treasury Management performance for the first six months of the financial year 2010/2011 which covered
 - an economic update;
 - a review of the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy;
 - a review of SPT's investment portfolio for 2010/2011;
 - a review of SPT's borrowing strategy for 2010/2011;
 - a review of any debt rescheduling undertaken; and
 - compliance with treasury limits and prudential indicators;
- (3) appending SPT's Prudential Indicators; and
- (4) concluding that, during the first half of 2010/2011, the benchmark for investment interest had been exceeded and all treasury limits and prudential indicators had been complied with.

6. Greenock Bus Station – completion update

[Click here to view report](#)

With reference to the minutes of

- (1) 15 May 2009 (page 4, paragraph 5) when the Committee had noted a report on the proposed delivery of improvements to Greenock bus station which had included re-arranging the bus stances, providing new shelters, pedestrian barriers, lighting, bus stop information and CCTV, together with improving the road surfacing; and
- (2) the Partnership of 9 October 2009 (page 3, paragraph 6) when the Partnership had agreed the award of a contract to Luddon Construction Ltd to carry out the improvements,

there was submitted a report (issued) by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (a) informing members of the successful completion of the Greenock Bus Station project by SPT in collaboration with Inverclyde Council;
- (b) advising members of the involvement of other agencies including police, bus operators and the trunk roads organisation who had contributed to the successful outcome; and
- (c) intimating that as the historical land ownership issues had been resolved as part of the exercise, the potential for future public liability claims had been minimised.

19 November 2010

Following a presentation from Mr Stewart showing the improvement to the bus station, the Committee noted the report

7. SPT responses to Scottish Government consultations

[Click here to view report](#)

There were submitted and noted a number of reports (issued) of 21 and 22 October 2010 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support) appending responses to the following Scottish Government consultation documents:-

- (1) Decriminalised enforcement of bus lane offences by camera;
- (2) Resourcing a high quality planning system; and
- (3) Public bodies climate change duties: Putting them into practice.