

Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Minute of Strategy & Programmes Committee meeting

24 June 2011

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 24 June 2011

Present Councillors David Fagan (Chair), Jonathan Findlay, Charlie Gilbert (substitute), Bill Grant, Kaye Harmon, Denis McKenna, Jim McNally, John Murray (substitute) and George Roberts and appointed members John Boyle 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.

Also attending Councillor Alan Moir.

1. Apologies

Apologies were submitted from Councillors Ian Gray, Archie Graham and Eddie Phillips and appointed member Alan Malcolm.

2. Declarations of interest

The committee noted that there were no declarations of interest.

3. Minute of previous meeting

The minute of the meeting of 25 March 2011 (issued) was submitted and approved as a correct record.

4. 2010/2011 Abstract of Accounts

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There was submitted and approved a report (issued) of 6 June 2011 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support) requesting that the committee agree that the draft abstract of the annual accounts appended to the report, for the financial year ending 31 March 2011 be submitted to the Controller of Audit no later than 30 June 2011.

5. Revenue monitoring report as at 28 May 2011

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 16 June 2011 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support)

- (1) reminding members that the Partnership had approved a revenue budget for 2011/2012 of £38.532m;
- (2) appending the revenue monitoring report for the period to 28 May 2011 (period 2);

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- (3) informing members that, based on the information to date, an underspend of £250,000 was forecast;
- (4) outlining the main reasons for the projected underspend; and
- (5) highlighting the fact that efficiency savings would continue to be used to reduce the overall costs of the organisation in the longer term as well as contributing to the funding of the Subway modernisation.

After consideration, the committee noted the projected outturn position on the information available at the end of period 2.

6. Capital programme monitoring report as 28 May 2011

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 15 June 2011 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support)

- (1) informing members of the final 2010/2011 capital outturn;
- (2) reminding members that the 2011/2012 capital programme of £26.740m had been approved by the Partnership on 11 February 2011 against known capital funding of £20.511m from the Scottish Government, which included a ring fenced sum of £6m in support of Subway modernisation;
- (3) advising members that actual expenditure as at 28 May 2011 (period 2) totalled £0.231m compared to a planned spend position of £0.580m;
- (4) intimating that project review meetings were now being scheduled with programme managers in order to identify and monitor spend risks within the programme;
- (5) providing a detailed financial analysis of individual projects contained within the programme, split by department;
- (6) explaining that, due to the current level of oversubscription in the capital programme, there were no proposed amendments to the capital budget; and
- (7) recommending that the committee note
 - (a) the 2010/2011 capital outturn position;
 - (b) the financial performance of the 2011/2012 capital programme as at 28 May 2011 (period 2);
 - (c) the current level of oversubscription; and
 - (d) that risks to the capital programme would be monitored and reported to members as the financial year progressed.

After consideration, the committee noted the terms of the report.

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7. Dalmarnock Station redevelopment – progress report

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There was submitted and noted a report (issued) of 15 June 2011 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support)

- (1) intimating that the GRIP4 works in relation to the Dalmarnock station redevelopment project were currently on programme for completion by August 2011;
- (2) informing members that, since the last report on the redevelopment of Dalmarnock Station, construction tenders had been received and were currently being reviewed with an expectation of an earlier completion date;
- (3) reminding members that the overall funding package included contributions from SPT, Glasgow City Council and Clyde Gateway of up to £2m each together with ERDF funding of £2.859m;
- (4) explaining that a formal agreement was now required between the funding partners and Transport Scotland to allow the award of the Phase 1 works; and
- (5) recommending that the committee agree
 - (a) SPT's contribution of £2m to the project;
 - (b) that an agreement be entered into with Transport Scotland on the basis of the Heads of Terms summarised in the report, with the final details for concluding the agreement to be delegated to the Director of Projects in consultation with the Senior Legal Advisor; and
 - (c) that authorisation of the grant award to Transport Scotland be remitted to a Chair's Committee for approval.

After consideration and having heard Mr Hoskins in answer to members' questions, the committee agreed

- (i) to the recommendations at (5) above; and
- (ii) that members be provided with information in relation to the various project milestones.

8. Design & technical services framework: Operational time period extension

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With reference to the minute of the Partnership of 15 August 2008 (page 3, paragraph 6) when the Partnership had approved SPT's framework for the provision of design and technical services for the period August 2008 to August 2011, there was submitted and approved a report (issued) of 15 June 2011 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support) seeking approval to extend the validity time period by one calendar year to August 2012.

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9. Proposed responses to consultation documents

After consideration of reports (issued) of 23 and 31 May and 1 June 2011 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support), the committee considered and approved SPT's proposed response to each of the following consultations:-

- (1) Call for Evidence from the Westminster Transport Committee into the strategic case for High Speed Rail; [Click here to view report](#)
- (2) the Department for Transport's Consultation on the Government's Strategy for High Speed Rail; [Click here to view report](#)
- (3) the Department for Transport's InterCity West Coast Franchise stakeholder briefing document and Draft Invitation to Tender; and [Click here to view report](#)
- (4) Network Rail Route Utilisation Strategy on Stations. [Click here to view report](#)
- (5) the Scottish Government's Consultation on the potential revisions of the Town and Country Planning General Permitted Development Order [Click here to view report](#)

12. Sustainable Travel – Progress report

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There was submitted and noted a report (issued) of 6 June 2011 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support)

- (1) reminding members
 - (a) that SPT supported a range of active travel and travel planning projects and initiatives, including promotion of walking and cycling campaigns, travel planning advice, investment in the cycle network across the west of Scotland and promotion of SPT's Journeyshare scheme; and
 - (b) that SPT worked also with local authorities, health boards and other organisations to encourage individuals to adopt healthier lifestyles through best practice, leadership, national events and the promotion of initiatives, websites and tools to encourage more sustainable forms of transport;
- (2) providing a progress report on SPT's sustainable travel, active travel and travel planning initiatives over the past 12 months, together with plans for the next year; and
- (3) informing members that substantial progress had been made across these areas and that further updates would be provided on a regular basis.