

Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Minute of Strategy & Programmes Committee meeting

25 June 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 25 June 2010

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

Apologies Councillor Archie Graham,

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 and Charlie Hoskins, Director of Projects.

Also Attending 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 14 May 2010 (issued) was submitted and approved as a correct record.

3. Draft Abstract of Accounts 2009/2010

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P There was submitted and approved a report (issued) of 10 June 2010 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support) requesting that the committee agree

- (1) that the draft abstract of the annual accounts appended to the report for the financial year ending 31 March 2010 be submitted to the Controller of Audit; and
- (2) to the write off of £10,688 of bad debt in relation to a shop facility at Shields Road Subway Station.

4. Revenue monitoring report as at 22 May 2010

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 15 June 2010 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support)

- (1) reminding members that the Partnership had approved a revenue budget for 2010/2011 of £39.55m;

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- (2) appending the revenue monitoring report for the period to 22 May 2010 (period 2);
- (3) informing members that, based on the information to date, an overspend of £103,000 was forecast; and
- (4) outlining the main reasons for the projected overspend.

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 2.

5. Capital programme monitoring and proposed amendments

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 8 June 2010 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support)

- (1) reminding members
 - (a) 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;
 - (b) 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
 - (c) that a risk assessment exercise had indicated a spend risk of £3m to £6m within the 2010/2011 capital programme;
- (2) providing a detailed financial analysis of individual projects contained within the programme, split by department;
- (3) informing members
 - (a) that SPT's revised available funding, including a surplus carry forward of £1.833m from 2009/2010, was £25.454m; and
 - (b) that actual expenditure to date totalled £0.213m compared to a planned spend position of £0.800m;
- (4) appending proposed amendments to the capital programme, together with reasons for the adjustments listed against each project, which gave a revised outturn figure of £34.624m; and
- (5) recommending that the committee
 - (a) note the results of the risk assessment exercise;

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- (b) note the financial performance of the 2010/2011 capital programme as at period 2; and
- (c) approve the formal amendments to the 2010/2011 capital programme as detailed in the report.

After discussion, the committee approved the recommendations at (5) above.

6. Updated transport outcomes report for 2010/2011

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 7 June 2010 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support)

- (1) informing members of the role of the Transport Outcome Reports (TORs) for each council area including
 - SPT's engagement with partners to develop the TORs;
 - the contribution they made to the Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) process; and
 - the process for finalising the TORs with member councils and community planning partnerships;
- (2) intimating
 - (a) that the TORs set out shared transport priorities between SPT and its constituent councils; and
 - (b) that the TORs enabled community planning partners to deliver on the outcomes in their SOAs and demonstrate how these would help to meet the Scottish Government's national outcomes in accordance with the Concordat between the Scottish Government and COSLA; and
- (3) advising members
 - (a) that, as SOAs covered the period 2009-2011 whereas TORs initially were prepared on an annual basis, it had been decided to prepare an update TOR in 2010/2011 to bring the TOR process into line with the SOA process;
 - (b) that the updated TORs reflected changes in transport policies and identified key work streams during 2010/2011 and had been produced in full consultation with member councils; and
 - (c) that SPT would refresh the TORs annually to ensure that they reflected transport priorities in each council area and continue to support SOAs; and
- (3) appending East Ayrshire Council's updated TOR as an example.

After discussion and having hearing Mrs Davidson in further explanation, the Partnership noted the contribution TORS had made to effective partnership working between SPT, councils and community planning partners in identifying transport priorities, ensuring that

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they were aligned to national, Regional Transport Strategy and local outcomes and helping to deliver shared transport ambitions for the West of Scotland.

7. **Dalmarnock Rail Station: Progress update (GRIP 3 completion)**

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 25 May 2010 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support)

- (1) reminding members that approval had been given to progress the options for the re-development of Dalmarnock rail station by engaging Network Rail to undertake a GRIP3 study whilst continuing funding discussions with partners alongside an application seeking European funding;
- (2) intimating that SPT had driven forward this phase of the project by continuing to manage a client group comprising SPT, Transport Scotland, Glasgow City Council and Clyde Gateway together with undertaking the day to day management of Network Rail who had now produced the GRIP3 report;
- (3) providing
 - (a) a progress update on the project following the recent completion of the GRIP3 phase by Network rail; and
 - (b) an update on the preferred option to be taken forward to the next phase of design;
- (4) outlining the proposed project arrangements for progressing to the next stage of design and future implementation; and
- (5) advising members
 - (a) that the conclusion of the project partners was that Option E (together with the stand alone Option D) should be taken forward to GRIP4 to finalise the design and further refine costings and delivery programme;
 - (b) that Transport Scotland had confirmed that they would take forward the project as client for the works and procure these works directly from Network Rail, with GRIP4 activities commencing in June 2010; and
 - (c) that SPT had been successful in bringing together a funding package of up to £8.89m, which included an award of European funding of up to £2.89m; and
- (6) concluding that the project had represented an excellent example of joint working between national, regional and local agencies and would bring significant direct benefits and act as a legacy for future generations in the local area around Dalmarnock as well as bringing wider regional transport benefits in the Strathclyde area.

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

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- (i) endorsed the recommendation to proceed with Option E (together with stand alone Option D) to the next stage of project development (GRIP4);
- (ii) noted that within the funding discussions with project partners, SPT would require to formalise a commitment, potentially up to £2m capital funding in future years, as SPT's direct contribution;
- (iii) approved SPT's continued involvement as part of the client stakeholder group; and
- (iv) agreed that the Chair write to the Minister for Transport, Infrastructure & Climate Change and Transport Scotland to express the Partnership's concern over the delay to the project.

8. Strategic Park and Ride: Progress update

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 4 June 2010 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support)

- (1) providing a progress update on the delivery of the various strategic Park and Ride projects;
- (2) intimating that the various projects continued to make good progress due to close working relationships with partner local authority officers and ongoing monitoring to proactively address issues as they arose; and
- (3) seeking approval for a change in location for a Park and Ride scheme in the West Dunbartonshire area which would require an amendment to a previously approved grant funding award.

After consideration, the committee

- (a) approved the change of the original grant funding award for £100,000 previously allocated for Dumbarton Central to Drumry;
- (b) authorised the Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support) to sign the grant funding letter to expedite the project; and
- (c) otherwise noted the terms of the report.