

Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Minute of Strategy & Programmes Committee

29 June 2012

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 29 June 2012

Present Councillor Denis McKenna (Chair), John Bruce, Bill Grant, Bobby Lawson, Pauline McKeever, George Redmond, Chris Thompson and Paul Welsh and appointed members Alan Malcolm and Gavin Scott.

Attending Valerie Davidson, 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 Councillors Robert G MacIntyre and Alan Moir.

1. Apologies

Apologies were submitted from Councillors Jim Coleman and David Fagan.

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

The committee noted that there were no declarations of interest.

3. Minute of previous meeting

The minute of the meeting of 23 March 2012 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

4. Strategy & Programmes Committee – Terms of Reference and key issues

Mrs Davidson gave a presentation to the committee which

- (1) informed members of the Strategy & Programmes Committee's remit and role;
- (2) provided information on all areas of policy & planning, performance, revenue and capital budgets/programmes and projects; and
- (3) outlined the key challenges for SPT.

After discussion and having heard Mrs Davidson in answer to members' questions, the committee thanked her for her interesting and informative presentation

5. Revenue monitoring report as at 26 May 2012

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 14 June 2012 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support)

- (1) advising members that of the 2011/2012 Partnership revenue budget of £38.532m, there was an anticipated year end outturn underspend of £80,000 (subject to audit);
- (2) appending a revenue monitoring report for the period to 26 May 2012 (period 2) based on an approved revenue budget for 2012/2013 of £37.381m;

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- (3) providing detail on the most significant variances; and
- (4) informing members that, at this early stage in the financial year, these would result in a net forecast underspend of £395,000.

After consideration, the committee noted

- (a) the draft outturn position at the end of the last financial year; and
- (b) the projected outturn position on the information available at the end of period 2.

6. Capital programme monitoring report as at 26 May 2012

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 14 June 2012 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support)

- (1) informing members of the final 2011/2012 capital outturn;
- (2) reminding members that the 2012/2013 capital programme of £37.920m had been approved by the Partnership on 30 March 2012 against known capital funding of £21.692m from the Scottish Government, which included a ring fenced sum of £6m in support of Subway modernisation, £5m in support of Fastlink and a planned revenue contribution to the capital programme of £2m;
- (3) advising members that actual expenditure as at 26 May 2012 (period 2) totalled £1.372m compared to a planned spend position of £1.720m;
- (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 2011/2012 capital outturn position;
 - (b) the financial performance of the 2012/2013 capital programme as at 26 May 2012 (period 2);
 - (c) the current level of oversubscription, a significant element of which would be bridged by utilisation of the Subway Modernisation Fund and/or borrowing in support of the Subway plans; 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.