

Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Minute of Strategy & Programmes Committee

30 August 2019

held in 131 St Vincent Street, Glasgow

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Minute of the meeting of Strathclyde Partnership for Transport's Strategy & Programmes Committee held in 131 St Vincent Street, Glasgow, on 30 August 2019

Present Councillors Alan Moir (Chair), Dr Martin Bartos, Ian Cochrane, Maureen Devlin, Charlie Gilbert (substitute), Anna Richardson, Jim Roberts and David Wilson and appointed members Anne Follin, Brian Davidson, Jo MacLennan and Jim McNally.

Attending Valerie Davidson, Assistant Chief Executive/Partnership Secretary; Heather Maclean, Committee Officer; Neil Wylie, Director of Finance; Antony Smith, Director of Subway; Gordon Dickson, Bus Development Manager; Bruce Kiloh, Head of Policy & Planning; Stuart McMillan, Head of Projects and Gregory Beecroft, Appointed Member (observing).

1. Apologies

Apologies were submitted from Councillors Mark Kerr, Alan Lafferty, David Shearer and appointed members Ann Faulds and Alex Macaulay.

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

Councillor David Wilson, Inverclyde Council, declared an interest in Item 8 as the Vice Chair of Clydeplan.

3. Minute of previous meeting

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The minute of the meeting of 10 May 2019, previously approved at SPT full Partnership, was submitted and approved as a correct record.

Mrs Davidson updated the Committee on Item 13.

Councillor Dr Martin Bartos updated the Committee on item 8 stating that he had extended an invite to the chair of the Glasgow Connectivity Commission, but to date no response had been received.

4. Revenue Monitoring Report as at 20 July 2019, Period 4

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 9 August 2019 by the Assistant Chief Executive:

- (a) appending the revenue monitoring report for the period to 20 July 2019 (period 4) which detailed the main variances, together with a detailed budgetary control report;
- (b) highlighting to members that SPT had made significant savings under employee costs through the continued review of services to ensure that the organisation continued to deliver in the most efficient and effective manner;
- (c) outlining a positive variance of £0.873m as at 20 July 2019; and
- (d) assuring members that all expenditure heads will continue to be monitored to ensure this positive variance is achieved and the required break-even position is achieved at year end.

After consideration and having heard Mr Wylie in answer to members' questions, the Committee noted the projected outturn position on the information available at the end of Period 4.

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5. 2018/19 Capital Outturn and Capital Programme Monitoring and Proposed Amendments Report as at 20 July 2019, Period 4

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 22 August 2019 by the Assistant Chief Executive:

- reporting on the 2018/19 capital outturn position;
- providing a progress update on the 2019/20 capital programme;
- seeking approval for proposed amendments to the 2019/20 capital programme; and
- seeking approval to Grant Fund as detailed in sections 7(c) of the report.

After discussion, the Committee;

- (i) noted the 2018/19 capital outturn position;
- (ii) approved the proposed amendments to the 2019/20 capital programme as per Appendix 2 of the report;
- (iii) agreed to Grant Fund or to vary existing Grant Fund letters to the Local Authorities or other bodies for those awards up to the value of £200,000 and authorised the Assistant Chief Executive to complete the award letters;
- (iv) noted the financial performance of the 2019/20 capital programme as at Period 10; and
- (v) noted that further work to quantify and manage risk, advance savings and re-phase existing projects is being undertaken to balance spend against budget.

6. Annual Treasury Management Report 2018/19

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There was submitted and noted a report (issued) of 20 August 2019 by the Assistant Chief Executive:

- (a) informing members that, through regulations issued under the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003, an annual report is required to be produced to present an overview of treasury activities undertaken in the previous financial year, together with actual prudential and treasury indicators;
 - (b) summarising the Treasury Management performance for the financial year 2018/2019 which covered
 1. the economy and interest rates in 2018/2019;
 2. capital expenditure and financing;
 3. the overall treasury position as at 31 March 2019;
 4. prudential and treasury management indicators;
 5. investment strategy for 2018/2019;
 6. investment outturn for 2018/2019; and
 7. control of interest rate risk.
 - (c) appending SPT's prudential and treasury management indicators; and
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(d) concluding:

- (i) that during the financial year 2018/2019, SPT had operated within the Prudential and Treasury Management Indicators set out in the Treasury Management Strategy 2018/19; and
- (ii) that the Investment Strategy for 2018/2019 had been followed in full.

After consideration and response to members questions by Mr Wylie, the Committee:

- (i) noted the content of this report; and
- (ii) noted the prudential and treasury management indicators for 2018/19 as detailed in Appendix 1.

7. Environmental, Climate Change and Carbon Management Issues - Update

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 1 August 2019 by the Assistant Chief Executive updating the Committee on SPT's activities in relation to environmental, climate change and carbon reduction issues.

After significant discussion and hearing from Mr Kiloh in response to members' questions, the Committee:

- (i) noted the contents of this report;
- (ii) noted that SPT's Climate Change Duties annual report for 2018-19 will be presented to the Committee in November 2019;
- (iii) noted that a full review of SPT's Carbon Management Plan and target, and organisational approach to environmental issues will be undertaken over the next year; and
- (iv) endorsed the development of a Glasgow City Region Climate Adaptation Strategy by Climate Ready Clyde.

At the suggestion of the Partnership Chair, the committee agreed that (iii) above be undertaken, recognising the climate emergency.

8. Strategic issues update for the SPT area

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 5 August 2019 by the Assistant Chief Executive providing an update to the Committee on strategic-level issues affecting transport in the west of Scotland.

After significant discussion and on hearing from Mr Kiloh in response to members' questions the Committee:

- (i) noted the contents of the report; and
 - (ii) noted that a workshop session will be arranged with Partnership members in relation to SPT's response to the NTS2 consultation.
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9. Subway Modernisation: Programme Support Office Managed Service – Award of Contract

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 12 August 2019 by the Director of Subway recommending the approval of an award of contract in support of the Subway Modernisation delivery for the provision of a Programme Support Office Managed Service (PSOMS).

After discussion and having heard from Messrs McMillan, Smith and Wylie in response to members' questions, the Committee approved the award of a contract for these works to Turner & Townsend Project Management Ltd on a call off arrangement for upto £580,000 per annum for a 5 year period.
