

Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Minute of Chair's Committee

26 March 2007

held in Consort House, Glasgow

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Minute of the meeting of the Strathclyde Partnership for Transport Chair's Committee held in Consort House, Glasgow, on 26 March 2007.

Present Councillors Alistair Watson (Chair), David Fagan and Davie McLachlan.

Attending Valerie Davidson, Secretary; Valerie A Bowen, Assistant Clerk; Ron Culley, Chief

Executive; Gordon Maclennan, Assistant Chief Executive (Customer Support);

Bob Wylie, Director of Communications and Mike Heyes, Operations.

1. Minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of 8 November 2006 and 2 February 2007 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

2. Applications for Bus Route Development Grant

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With reference to the minute of the Operations Committee of 16 March 2007 (page 2, paragraph 5) when that Committee, inter alia, had agreed that consideration of two applications for Bus Route Development Grant be continued to a future Chair's Committee in order that further discussions could take place with the local members and local authorities concerned, there were submitted two reports (issued) of 22 March 2007 by the Chief Executive updating members on subsequent discussions that had taken place.

After consideration and having heard Mr Heyes in further explanation and in answer to members' questions, the Committee agree to support the undernoted applications for Bus Route Development Grant:-

- (1) enhancement of Scottish Travel service X22 Greenock Clydebank; and
- (2) proposal for new Scottish Travel service X23 Greenock Silverburn via Paisley.

3. Regional Transport Strategy

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With reference to the minute of the special Partnership meeting of 16 March 2007 (page 3, paragraph 2) when the Partnership, inter alia, had agreed that, in order to allow final development work on the draft Regional Transport Strategy (RTS) and take account of members' comments, a Chair's Committee be scheduled for 26 March 2007 to approve the final draft RTS document for submission to Scottish Ministers by 31 March 2007, there was submitted a report (issued) of 19 March 2007 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Transport & Strategy)

(1) appending the final draft RTS document;

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- (2) highlighting the changes made since the special Partnership meeting;
- (3) explaining that in addition to the changes, officers had continued to refine the text, diagrams and plans to improve the clarity of the document; and
- (4) recommending approval of the document, subject to minor corrections, for submission to Scottish Ministers.

After discussion and having heard Mr Halliday in further explanation, the committee approved the document subject to the various changes requested at the meeting particularly with reference to funding for roads and the seeking of powers in relation to trunk roads currently held exclusively by the Scottish Executive.