

Partnership minute



Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Minute of meeting

7 October 2016

held in the Lewis Room, 131 St Vincent Street, Glasgow

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Minute of the meeting of the Strathclyde Partnership for Transport held in the Lewis Room, 131 St Vincent Street, Glasgow, on 7 October 2016

Present Councillors Jonathan Findlay (Chair), Malcolm Balfour, Dr Martin Bartos, Eddie Devine, Charlie Gilbert (substitute), Bill Grant, Kaye Harmon, Gerald Leonard, Alan Moir, Robert G MacIntyre, Bobby McDill, Denis McKenna, Michael McPake, Donald Reid and Paul Welsh and appointed members Gregory Beecroft, Ann Faulds, Graham Johnston, Alex Macauley, Jo MacLennan and Jim McNally.

Attending Valerie Davidson, Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support); Valerie A Bowen, Senior Committee Officer; Gordon MacLennan, Chief Executive; Eric Stewart, Assistant Chief Executive (Operations); Charlie Hoskins, Senior Director; Neil Wylie, Director of Finance and HR, Bruce Kiloh, Head of Policy and Planning and Gordon Dickson, Bus Development Manager.

1. Apologies

Apologies were submitted from Councillors Tony Buchanan, Chris Kelly, Lawrence O'Neill and Hamish Stewart and appointed members Brian Davidson and Alan Malcolm.

2. Additional items

The Chair advised the Partnership that a question had been submitted by Cllr Martin Bartos in terms of Standing Order No 3.9.1 and that a presentation on City Centre Bus Improvements would be given by Gordon Dickson, Bus Development Manager.

In terms of Standing Order no. 3.4, the Partnership agreed to vary the order of business as hereinafter minuted.

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

The Partnership noted Ann Fauld's declaration of interest in respect of her firm's role in acting for SPT in relation to procurement of Rolling Stock.

4. Minute of previous meeting

The minute of the meeting of 12 August 2016 was submitted and approved.

5. Committee minutes

The minutes (issued) of the undernoted committees were noted subject to the inclusion of Gregory Beecroft in the list of those attending the Operations Committee:-

- (1) Operations Committee of 26 August 2016;
- (2) Chair's Committee of 26 August 2016;
- (3) Strategy & Programmes Committee of 9 September 2016; and
- (4) Audit & Standards Committee of 9 September 2016.

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6. Membership update

Mrs Davidson informed members of the undernoted changes to representation on the Partnership:-

- (1) the appointment by North Ayrshire Council of Councillor Donald Reid to replace Councillor John Bruce; and
- (2) the appointment by North Lanarkshire Council of Councillor Michael McPake to replace Councillor William Shields.

The Partnership noted the position and agreed that both members be appointed to the committees on which their predecessors had served.

7. Glasgow City Region Deal

With reference to the minute of the Strategy & Programmes Committee of 27 March 2015 (page 4, paragraph 9) when that committee, inter alia, had approved the key project elements of the Strathclyde Bus Investment Programme (SBIP) draft Strategic Business Case for submission to Glasgow City Region City Deal, there was submitted a report (issued) of 21 September 2016 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) informing members
 - (a) that, as the SBIP was one of the key regional projects of the City Deal, officers had sought to engage with partners and had continued to develop further the proposals to ensure that the SBIP was as complementary as possible to other City Deal projects;
 - (b) that, in doing so, it was anticipated that it would maximise opportunities for generating sustainable economic growth, an aspiration central to the success of the City Deal; and
 - (c) that, in line with City Deal guidance, SPT's initial step in developing the final Strategic Business Case (SBC) had been to identify demand-based sectors across the city region where attention could be focused for future delivery of the SBIP;
- (2) explaining
 - (a) that an exercise had been undertaken to profile each of the sectors in relation to current transport services, socio-economic issues, route hotspots, congestion points, current development proposals and other factors, which had helped to build a base position from which the SBIP could be refined to create a complementary, deliverable programme of interventions;
 - (b) that, in addition, SPT officers had presented an update on the SBIP to the City Deal Chief Executives' Group to raise the profile of the project and had received useful feedback; and
 - (c) that building on this engagement, officers were in the process of preparing the full final SBC for the SBIP which would be submitted to the City Deal Programme Management Office within the deadline of 28 October 2016;

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- (3) detailing the key elements of the final SBC which would form the focus of initial SBIP investment (subject to due process and necessary approvals) which would seek to address the totality of investment required across the city region;
- (4) intimating that, where possible, SPT would seek to ensure that partners, or those who benefited from SBIP investment, would become members of any future Statutory Quality Partnership (or any variation thereof) for their area or the region e.g. the Strathclyde Bus Alliance; and
- (5) recommending that the Partnership approve the key elements of the final SBC which would form the basis of the SBIP to be submitted to the City Deal.

After consideration and having heard Mr Kiloh in answer to members' questions, the Partnership approved the recommendation at (5) above.

8. Presentation: Glasgow City Centre Bus Improvements

There was introduced to the meeting Gordon Dickson, Bus Development Manager, who gave a presentation on proposed bus improvements in Glasgow city centre.

He highlighted the current problems within the city centre, viz. bus/traffic congestion which caused delays and increased emissions, complex junctions and bus movements and poor facilities for bus users within the Union Street/Jamaica Street/Oswald Street corridor.

Mr Dickson then provided members with information on a number of interventions, including improved public realm and lighting, modifying bus routes, simplifying junction lanes and signals, widening footways and providing new shelters and real time passenger information which would reduce bus service delays, improve traffic, pedestrian and passenger safety, reduce emissions and improve the public realm and general environment.

He advised that the first phase had a completion date of December 2016 and phase two would be completed in Spring 2017.

Following considerable discussion and having heard Mr Dickson in answer to members' questions, the Chair, on behalf of the Partnership, thanked him for his presentation.

9. The Scottish Government: A Plan for Scotland – The Government's Programme for Scotland 2016 – 2017

There was submitted and noted a report (issued) of 21 September 2016 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) advising members that the Scottish Government had published 'A Plan for Scotland – The Government's Programme for Scotland 2016-2017' in September 2016;
- (2) explaining that the Plan set out the priorities for the Government for the coming year and gave an indication of future priorities over the lifetime of the current Parliament;
- (3) intimating that the Programme gave also an outline of proposed future legislation and investment across a wide range of sectors; and

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- (4) informing members that officers would continue to monitor the development of the key items of direct interest for SPT, together with any other areas of interest for SPT and partners and advise the Partnership of any issues as they arose.

10. Question

An answer to the undernoted question, of which notice had been given under Standing Order No. 3.9.1, was given as follows:-

Question	Questioner	Answered by
Noting concerns from the community about the service revision in prospect for the number 4/4a bus service which currently provides single service connectivity into north west parts of the city including Anniesland, Kelvindale, etc., what impacts does SPT predict for public transport users and what measures might SPT take to address any damage to public transport experience for local residents?	Councillor Martin Bartos	Chair

Thereafter, members heard responses to a supplementary question from Councillor Bartos and a further question by Jim McNally.

11. Exclusion of press and public

The Partnership resolved that the press and public be excluded for the next item of business on the agenda, it being considered that otherwise there would be disclosure to them of exempt information in terms of paragraph 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7a to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

12. Update on Subway Contract

With reference to the Partnership's approval at the meeting on 12 August 2016, Mr MacLennan advised the Partnership that the matter had now been resolved with agreement by all parties, in the terms outlined at the meeting and contained within the relevant legal documentation.