

Committee minute



Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Minute of Operations Committee

4 November 2022

held in person at 131 St Vincent Street and via Video Conference

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Minute of the meeting of Strathclyde Partnership for Transport's Operations Committee held at 131 St Vincent Street and via Video Conference* on 4 November 2022

- Present** Councillors David Wilson (Chair), Alex Allison, Ken Andrew, Maureen Devlin*, Stephen Dornan, Michael McPake, Alan Moir, Donald Reid*, Roza Salih* (from Agenda Item 4) and appointed members Greg Beecroft* and Jenna Dickson
- Attending** Valerie Davidson, Chief Executive; Neil Wylie, Director of Finance & Corporate Support; Antony Smith, Director of Subway; Bruce Kiloh, Head of Policy & Planning; Gordon Dickson, Head of Bus Strategy & Delivery; Jim Griffin, Senior Solicitor, Gary Robertson, Network Analysis & Design Manager; Andrea Thompson, Media & Public Affairs Manager and Scott Prentice, Head of Business Development, ScotRail (for Agenda Item 4).

The Partnership agreed at its meeting of 12 March 2021, following consideration of Standing Order No 14, for the recording of Committee and Partnership meetings, and that such recordings would be made available together with the minute of meetings.

1. Apologies

Apologies were submitted from Councillors Jim Paterson, Adam Smith and appointed member Kirsty Orr.

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

Cllr Moir declared an interest in Agenda Item 5, citing his employment with Scotrail and as a member of ASLEF, the trade union.

Jenna Dickson declared an interest in Agenda Item 5, citing her employment with Scotrail Holdings.

3. Minute of previous meeting

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The minute of the meeting of 26 August 2022, having been considered at the Partnership meeting on 30 September 2022 as a correct record, was duly noted.

4. Monitoring report on public transport services & facilities in the SPT area

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There was submitted and discussed a report (issued) of 25 October 2022 by the Director of Finance & Corporate Support reporting on:

- (a) the operational performance of public transport services and public transport facilities which are delivered directly by the Partnership or by others on behalf of the Partnership; and
- (b) the provision of public transport services and facilities in the Partnership area more generally.

After considerable discussion and having heard from Mr Prentice in relation to ScotRail commuter services, timetables, fares and industrial action and then hearing from Mrs Davidson, Mr Wylie, Mr Smith and Mr Dickson in response to members' questions which focused on the recovery of public transport and reinforcing how safe public transport was, the Committee noted the details of the report.

The Operations Chair thanked Mr Prentice for attending.

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5. Subsidised bus service contract recommendations: financial implications

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 18 October 2022 by the Director of Finance & Corporate Support, advising the Committee of the financial implications of the subsidised bus contract recommendations being considered at the meeting.

After hearing from Mr Wylie, the Committee noted:

- (i) the financial implications of the recommendations relating to the subsidised bus services budget in the following papers and agreed to give due consideration to this in the course of the decision making - the impact of individual decisions is reported in each paper for consideration;
- (ii) the projected positive variance reported which may require to be utilised later in the financial year to support the regional and local network; and
- (iii) key concerns identified which may impact of the subsidised bus budget in the short to medium term, including in the current and future financial years and thus limiting SPT's ability to respond or react to future market research.

6. Scottish Government – Scottish Bus Taskforce

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 25 October 2022 by the Chief Executive informing the Committee of the establishment of the Scottish Bus Taskforce by the Scottish Government.

After hearing from Mrs Davidson and Mr Dickson outlining the purpose of the Taskforce (namely patronage growth, community engagement and addressing resource/skill shortage) and in response to members' questions, the Committee noted the contents of the report.

7. Amendments to subsidised local bus service contracts

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 6 October 2022 by the Chief Executive advising the Committee of amendments to subsidised local and MyBus bus service contracts since the last Operations Committee meeting of 26 August 2022.

After hearing from Mr Dickson, the Committee noted the amendments to subsidised local and MyBus bus service contracts, in accordance with established corporate governance, financial regulation and contract standing orders.

8. Contracts awarded under delegated powers

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 6 October 2022 by the Chief Executive notifying the Committee of subsidised local bus service contracts awarded using delegated powers.

After hearing from Mr Dickson and Mr Robertson, the Committee noted the subsidised local bus service contract awarded using delegated powers supported transport to vaccination centres in the NHS Lanarkshire area would operate until the end of November 2022 and was fully funded by NHS Lanarkshire.
