

Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Minute of Operations Committee

5 November 2021

held via Video Conference

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Minute of the meeting of Strathclyde Partnership for Transport's Operations Committee held via Video Conference on 5 November 2021

- Present** Councillors David Wilson (Chair), Malcolm Balfour, Martin Bartos, Richard Bell, Graham Hardie, Alistair Mackay (Substitute), Alan Moir (from Agenda Item 7) Michael McPake, Donald Reid and appointed member Greg Beecroft.
- Attending** Valerie Davidson, Acting Chief Executive/Partnership Secretary; Neil Wylie, Director of Finance; Bruce Kiloh, Head of Policy & Planning; Gordon Dickson, Head of Bus Strategy & Delivery; Gary Robertson, Network Analysis & Design Manager; Andrea Thompson, Media & Public Affairs Manager and Ewan Tait, Business Development Executive, Abellio Scotrail (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 Colin Cameron and Marie McGurk and appointed member Graham Johnston.

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

The Committee noted there were no declarations of interest.

3. Minute of previous meeting

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The minute of the meeting of 20 August 2021, having been considered at the Partnership meeting on 17 September 2021, was submitted and approved as a correct record.

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 20 October 2021 by the Acting Chief Executive:

- (a) reporting on 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) reporting on the provision of public transport services and facilities in the Partnership area more generally.

After discussion and having heard from Mr Tait of Abellio Scotrail on Scotrail services and hearing from Mr Wylie and Mr Dickson in response to members' questions regarding SPT services, the Committee noted the details of the report.

The Operations Chair thanked Mr Tait for attending.

5. Subsidised Bus Service Contract Recommendations: financial Implications

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 21 October 2021 by the Acting Chief Executive, advising the Committee of the financial implications of the subsidised bus contract recommendations being considered at the meeting.

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After hearing from Mr Wylie, the Committee noted:

- (i) the financial implications of the recommendations in the papers;
- (ii) the projected positive budget variance as reported and which may require to be partly 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 next financial year.

6. Update on Bus Information Standards

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 20 October 2021 by the Acting Chief Executive providing the Committee with an update on the consultation on revisions to the Bus Information Standards.

After hearing from Mr Dickson, particularly highlighting the need for operators to supply quality data in order that bus information continues to be of the highest standard possible, the Committee noted:

- (i) the consultation on revisions to the Bus Information Standards has been successfully undertaken; and
- (ii) that SPT intends to continue to work closely with local bus operators and to develop a suitable programme for the roll out of revised roadside bus information standards, taking into consideration the impact of Covid-19 on service provision.

7. MyBus - Proposed Review of Service Design and Operation

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 16 October 2021 by the Acting Chief Executive informing the Committee of a proposed review of the service design and operation of SPT's MyBus service.

After hearing from Mr Kiloh and Mr Dickson in response to members' questions, and specifically the need to consider the user and customer client group at all stages of the review, the Committee noted the report and the proposed staged review outlined in Section 3 of the report.

8. Amendments to subsidised local bus service contracts

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 18 October 2021 by the Acting Chief Executive advising the Committee of amendments to subsidised local and MyBus bus service contracts since the last Committee meeting on 20 August 2021.

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

9. Contracts awarded under delegated powers

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 18 October 2021 by the Acting Chief Executive notifying the Committee of subsidised local bus service contracts awarded utilising delegated powers.

After hearing from Mr Dickson, the Committee noted the subsidised local bus service contracts awarded utilising delegated powers, thus ensuring that socially necessary gaps in the public transport are provided for.

10. Requests for subsidised local bus services

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 20 October 2021 by the Acting Chief Executive recommending the Committee note the request received for subsidised local bus services and actions.

After hearing from Mr Dickson in response to members' questions, the Committee agreed the recommendations as detailed in the report.
