

Committee minute



Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Minute of Strategy & Programmes Committee

27 January 2017

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 27 January 2017

Present Councillors Kaye Harmon (Chair), Dr Martin Bartos, Eddie Devine, Allan Falconer, Jonathan Findlay and Bill Grant and appointed members Brian Davidson, Alex Macaulay, Jo MacLennan and Jim McNally.

Attending Valerie Davidson, Secretary/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 and Bruce Kiloh, Head of Policy & Planning.

Also attending David Braddock, Nevis Technologies Ltd.

1. Apologies

Apologies were submitted from Councillors Denis McKenna, Michael McPake and Paul Welsh and appointed members Ann Faulds, Anne Follin and Alan Malcolm.

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

The committee noted declarations of interest from Gordon MacLennan, Eric Stewart and Councillor Kaye Harmon in respect of their roles as Directors of Nevis Technologies.

3. Minute of previous meeting

The minute of the meeting of 11 November 2016 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

4. Revenue monitoring report as at 7 January 2017 (period 10)

There was submitted a report (issued) of 18 January 2017 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support)

- (1) reminding members that the Partnership had approved a core revenue budget for 2016/2017 of £38.418m;
- (2) appending the revenue monitoring report for the period to 7 January 2017 (period 10) which detailed the main variances, together with a detailed budgetary control report;
- (3) informing members
 - (a) that, although there had been an impact on Subway income as a result of the Subway suspension, a strong focus remained on recovering the Subway patronage base in the coming months and the forecast was that the Subway income budget for 2016/2017 would be achieved; and
 - (b) that all other income lines continued to deliver as budgeted, including an unexpected rates rebate which had been secured totalling £120,000;
- (4) advising members that with all opportunities being taken to maximise efficiencies particularly through careful management of employee and property related costs, together with the assumption of Subway income being achieved and the on-going savings

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programme which continued to deliver savings in year, a net income growth/savings of £1.735m was forecast; and

- (5) recommending that, as the Subway infrastructure works had been carried out faster than originally anticipated in 2016/2017, spend originally forecast in 2017/2018 had been brought forward and it was therefore proposed to allocate £1.735m to the Subway Fund to further support Subway infrastructure works in 2016/2017 in line with the accelerated profile.

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

5. Capital programme monitoring report and proposed amendments as at 7 January 2017 (period 10)

There was submitted and approved a report (issued) of 18 January 2017 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support)

- (1) reminding members that the 2016/2017 capital programme had been approved by the Partnership on 4 March 2016 against known capital grant and other sources of funding;
- (2) intimating that actual expenditure as at 7 January 2017 (period 10) totalled £43.911m compared to a planned spend position of £43.013m;
- (3) providing a detailed financial analysis of individual projects contained within the programme, split by department;
- (4) appending proposed amendments to the capital programme, together with reasons for the adjustments listed against each project, which represented a net increase of £1.655m; and
- (5) explaining that a net change of £2.906m in the revised funding required in 2016/2017 across the various funding streams, included an additional £1.735m contribution to Subway Infrastructure as detailed in the previous paragraph; and
- (6) requesting that the committee
 - (a) approve the proposed amendments to the 2016/2017 capital programme as detailed in appendix 2 to the report; and
 - (b) otherwise note the terms of the report.

6. Community Planning update

There was submitted and approved a report (issued) of 5 January 2017 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) reminding members that the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 (CESA) had been given Royal Assent in July 2015 and since then the Scottish Government had been developing the orders and guidance to bring the Act into force;

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- (2) intimating
 - (a) that The Scottish Government had published Guidance on the Community Planning aspects of CESA on 20 December 2016, which had set out how Community Planning Partnerships should, among other issues, approach Locality Planning; and
 - (b) that other provisions of CESA had or were due to come into force in 2017, including Asset Transfer Requests (which came into force on 23 January 2017) and Participation Requests (which will come into force late March 2017);
- (3) providing information on SPT's proposed approach to complying with the provisions of guidance regarding CESA; and
- (4) informing members that officers would continue to monitor further developments to ensure readiness for future changes and would continue to keep the Partnership updated on these as necessary in future.

After consideration and having heard Mr Kiloh in further explanation and in answer to members' questions, the committee noted the terms of the report.

7. Robroyston Rail Station and Park & Ride – Progress update

P With reference to the minute of the Partnership of 9 May 2014 (page 6, paragraph 14) when the Partnership, inter alia, had agreed to progress the proposal for a new rail station and Park & Ride at Robroyston in Glasgow, there was submitted and approved a report (issued) of 9 January 2017 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) informing members
 - (a) that, following this decision, a successful business case had been developed and provided in support of an application to the Scottish Stations Fund seeking financial support to deliver the final design and construction of the new station;
 - (b) that approval had been given to fund 50% of the costs, subject to the remaining 50% of the costs being met by the project promoters; and
 - (c) that to assist with funding, it was anticipated that, subject to Partnership approval, SPT would contribute up to £1.25m towards the project as part of the 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 Capital Programme;
- (2) intimating
 - (a) that Glasgow City Council (GCC) had developed a funding package, including an allowance for SPT's proposed contribution, that would enable final design and construction of the station and car parks to be completed together with an agreement with the developer on the mechanism and funding required to deliver the necessary roads infrastructure to service the station, as this was tied into the wider development; and
 - (b) that it was anticipated that the delivery of the design and construction would enable opening of the new station in 2019, with the initial target date being the change to the summer timetable in May 2019;

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- (3) explaining
- (a) that following discussions which had taken place between industry partners to determine the appropriate mechanism for delivery of the station, it had been agreed that ScotRail–Abellio would lead the final design and construction phases which ensured that SPT and GCC were not liable for any further cost risk associated with the project;
 - (b) that a revised Client Group would be established, including SPT, GCC, Stuart Milne Group (the developer) and Transport Scotland, to oversee the process; and
 - (c) that GCC and the developer were currently progressing land transactions to enable the work to proceed and the mechanisms for pulling together the contributions from the various parties were being finalised; and
- (4) advising members that SPT had played a key role in progressing the project to date and officers would continue to seek to ensure that it remained on track as it moved towards delivery.

After consideration and having heard various officers in answer to members questions, the committee

- (i) agreed to recommend to the Partnership, a contribution of £1.25m towards the project as part of the 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 Capital Programme; and
- (ii) noted that members would be kept updated on project progress as necessary.

8. Call off contract for the supply of bus stop components

There was considered a report (issued) of 17 January 2017 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations) on the proposed award of a contract for the supply of bus stop components, based on a list of items and quantities estimated to be called off during the first 12 month period of the contract.

After consideration, the Committee

- (1) agreed to the award of a contract to the most economically advantageous tender submitted by Pass Tech Solutions Ltd for an initial period of 3 years (value based on estimated annual average is £395,775) with the option to extend up to a further two years; and
- (2) noted that contract extensions for years 4 and/or 5 would be subject only to an increase in the Consumer Price Index.

9. Smart and Integrated ticketing

There was introduced to the meeting, Mr David Braddock, Nevis Technologies Ltd.

Mr Braddock reminded members that Nevis Technologies had been created in 2011 as a joint venture organisation between Ecebs Limited (now Rambus Ecebs) and SPT whose vision was

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to provide genuine multi-modal concessionary and commercial ticketing, initially using ITSO smartcards, which would seamlessly develop into web and mobile based products and services.

He provided information on the Glasgow Subway's smart ticketing, launched in October 2013, and highlighted the fact that over 150,000 Bramble cards had been issued to date. He informed members that Nevis had provided ITSO compliant back office Smartcard systems to Abellio ScotRail since April 2015, outlined service provider and passenger benefits, Nevis's products and services and informed members that McGills was the first commercial bus implementation.

Following discussion and having heard Mr Braddock in answer to members' questions, the Chair thanked Mr Braddock for his presentation.