

Partnership minute



Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Minute of meeting

31 March 2017

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 31 March 2017**

Present Councillors Jonathan Findlay (Chair), Malcolm Balfour, Dr Martin Bartos, Eddie Devine, Bill Grant, Kaye Harmon, Gerald Leonard, Alan Moir, Bobby McDill, Robert G MacIntyre, Denis McKenna, Michael McPake, Donald Reid, Hamish Stewart, Fariha Thomas, Paul Welsh and David Wilson and appointed members Gregory Beecroft, Ann Faulds, Anne Follin, Alex Macaulay, Alan Malcolm 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 and Bruce Kiloh, Head of Policy and Planning.

1. Apologies

Apologies were submitted from Councillors Tony Buchanan, Charlie Gilbert (substitute) and Lawrence O'Neill and appointed members Brian Davidson, Graham Johnston and Jo MacLennan.

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

The Partnership noted that there were no declarations of interest.

3. Minute of previous meeting

The minute of the meeting of 10 February 2017 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

4. Committee minutes

The minutes (issued) of the undernoted committees were noted, subject to the inclusion of Fariha Thomas in the list of those attending the Operations Committee on 10 March 2017:-

- (1) Operations Committee of 10 March 2017;
- (2) Audit & Standards Committee of 17 March 2017;
- (3) Strategy & Programmes Committee of 17 March 2017; and
- (4) Personnel Committee of 17 March 2017.

Arising from the minute of the Personnel Committee minute with regard to

- (a) page 1, paragraph 5, Mr Stewart provided members with an update on the re-structure of the bus operations and security teams and highlighted that the staff consultation process had now been completed, the majority of staff had now been offered positions or had been matched in to positions, the result of which was that approximately 8 individuals were now considered to be displaced and at risk of redundancy, and

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- (b) page 2, paragraph 6, Mr Hoskins intimated that the processes within the Subway planning team had commenced and that applications for positions were currently being considered.

5. Partick Interchange Bus Station Redevelopment - progress update

There was submitted and approved a report (issued) of 3 March 2017 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

(1) reminding members

- (a) that Partick Interchange/Station provided a key facility for rail, bus, subway and cycle and, as such, was a major connecting hub for journeys across Strathclyde and beyond;
- (b) that although SPT had invested significantly in major improvements to the rail and subway elements of Partick Interchange in recent years, the ability to make significant improvements to the bus area had remained a challenge, primarily due to the limited land available and constraints from surrounding properties; and
- (c) that there was considerable redevelopment underway and planned as part of the Glasgow Harbour Master Plan and Clyde Waterfront City Deal Initiative, which included significant expansion of local housing stock and proposed retail and leisure offerings which were anticipated to increase demand further for travel by rail, Subway and bus respectively;

(2) intimating

- (a) that various layout options had been considered over a lengthy time period for the redevelopment of the bus station at Partick and assessed against key criteria, including scope to deliver improved passenger facilities, impact on bus operations, pedestrian access, safety, integration, affordability and deliverability; and
- (b) that a number of detailed discussions had taken place with key stakeholders, notably Glasgow Harbour, the registered proprietors of areas of ground in the area, and Glasgow City Council (GCC) to ensure that account was taken of SPT's wider master plan and improvements being proposed for the area;

(3) appending plans

- (a) which highlighted the current constraints for the bus station area with the surrounding properties, most notably the supermarket car park to the south and tenement block to the north which gave rise to limited available space for service (Appendix 1); and
- (b) which showed the proposed layout of a redeveloped bus station which would provide a much enhanced bus station with greatly improved passenger facilities and increased operational capacity to accommodate current and future growth (Appendix 2);

(4) informing members

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- (a) that SPT was working closely with GCC and ScotRail to deliver improved cycle storage facilities in the vicinity of the footpath between Partick Interchange and Beith Street and, relatedly, GCC was currently undertaking public realm enhancements to this area which would improve further access by walking and cycling;
 - (b) that the construction works would necessitate the provision of temporary arrangements for bus services which would be provided on Dumbarton Road; and
 - (c) that the proposed layout for the redeveloped bus station, as shown in Appendix 3, would require two separate areas of land, namely a strip of land from the adjacent supermarket car park owned by Glasgow Harbour (Byron Street) Ltd and a small triangular area adjacent to the station main entrance which was owned by Partick Housing Association; and
- (5) explaining that the next key steps in delivery of the project were
- (a) to conclude a lease agreement with Glasgow Harbour (Byron Street) Ltd;
 - (b) to enter into a formal land and development agreement among SPT, Glasgow Harbour (Byron Street) Ltd and Safeway Stores Ltd (Morrisons); and
 - (c) a disposition from Partick Housing Association for the area of land currently under their ownership which would be transferred to SPT at nil value, subject to SPT meeting their legal costs for the transfer.

After consideration and having heard

- (i) that the improvements at Partick Interchange were crucial to the on-going requirement to deliver improved access to employment, learning, retail and leisure opportunities, and act as a catalyst to wider regional economic development; and
- (ii) Mr Hoskins in further explanation and in answer to members' questions,

the Partnership

- (A) noted the progress update; and
- (B) agreed the next steps as outlined at 5 above

6. Meeting the Public Sector Equality Duty

With reference to the minutes of

- (1) 15 February 2013 (page 4, paragraph 9) when the Partnership had approved the publication of the 'Advancing Equality' report which had set out how SPT met the public sector legislation ('the Equality Duties') regarding the advancement of equality, elimination of discrimination and the promotion of good relations; and
- (2) 24 April 2015 (page 4, paragraph 9) when the Partnership had approved the publication of "Advancing Equality Progress Report 2013-2015" which had highlighted SPT's Equality Outcomes as published in the report and had provided examples from the report of SPT's progress,

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there was submitted and approved a report (issued) of 7 March 2017 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support)

- (a) reminding members of the specific duties placed on public authorities, including SPT;
- (b) appending
 - (i) "SPT Advancing Equality 2017-2021" which set out the progress SPT had made and the steps taken and continuing to be taken in meeting the Equality Duties and the steps taken to review and refresh the Equality outcomes (Appendix 1); and
 - (ii) the Equality and Diversity Workforce Monitoring Report 2016 (Appendix 2);
- (c) advising members that the promotion of equality and diversity was at the core of all SPT activities and whilst there had been further good progress in terms of how SPT had promoted equality, SPT would continue to build on and improve current practice with the development of an action programme which would be monitored internally by the Strategy Group; and
- (d) recommending that the Partnership
 - (i) note
 - (A) the steps taken and good progress made by SPT to ensure compliance with the Scottish Public Sector Equality Duties;
 - (B) that further consultation with equality groups would be undertaken to finalise the 'Advancing Equality' report ahead of the deadline for publication of 30 April 2017; and
 - (C) the Equality and Diversity Workforce Monitoring Report 2016; and
 - (ii) approve the "SPT Advancing Equality 2017-2021" report together with the Equality Outcomes contained within that report.

After consideration and having heard Mrs Davidson in further explanation and in answer to members' questions, the Partnership approved the recommendations at (d) above.

7. SPT responses to consultation documents

There were submitted reports of 17 and 3 March 2017 (issued) by the Assistant Chief Executives as appropriate, appending SPT's proposed response to each of the following consultations:-

- (1) Scottish Government Consultation on the Draft Gender Representation on Public Boards (Scotland) Bill;
- (2) Scottish Government consultation on the Councillor Code of Conduct – Possible amendments of provisions on conflicts of interest;
- (3) Transport Scotland's National Transport Strategy Early Engagement Survey; and

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- (4) Scottish Government Consultation on Places, People and Planning – the Future of the Scottish Planning System (fuller response submitted at meeting).

After consideration and having heard various officers in answer to members' questions, the Partnership approved the responses, taking into account the comments made by members.

8. Proposed award of contracts

After consideration of reports (issued) of 9 and 8 March 2017, respectively, by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations), the committee approved the award of the following contracts:-

Contract	Contractor(s)	Amount	Remarks
Renewal of Broomloan Depot Distribution Board works	Edmiston Brown & Co Ltd	£171,917.95	Most economically advantageous tender
Provision of policing services on Subway	British Transport Police (BTP)	BTP to be paid £123,000 per annum for next two years with an option to extend for a further one year (subject to annual variation in line with BTP pay award)	Enhanced Police Services Agreement in place as part of SPT's overall policing and security strategy

9. Register of contracts awarded and variations

The Partnership noted that the Register of Contracts Awarded and Variations for the period 1 January 2016 to 31 March 2017 was available for inspection after the meeting.

10. Valedictory

The Chair intimated that he would not be seeking re-election in the next local authority elections due to take place on 4 May 2017 and

- (1) thanked
 - (a) the two Vice-Chairs, elected and appointed members for their commitment to the Partnership over the years;
 - (b) appointed member Alan Malcolm who would be standing down; and
 - (c) the Chief Executive and staff of SPT for their hard work and support during his term of office; and
- (2) wished those elected members who were seeking re-election to Local Government good luck and those who were not, his best wishes.

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Councillor McKenna thanked everyone for their support during his time at SPT and wished elected members good luck during their campaigning.

The Chief Executive, on behalf of the Strategy Group and all staff, thanked the members for their input and advice and expressed his appreciation of the collaborative working that had taken place.