

# Strathclyde Partnership for Transport minute of Strategy & Programmes Committee meeting

**28 March 2008**

held in Consort House, Glasgow

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## Minute of the meeting of the Strathclyde Partnership for Transport Strategy & Programmes Committee held in Glasgow on 28 March 2008

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- Present** Councillors David Fagan (Chair), Robert Burrows, Charlie Gilbert (Deputy), Bill Hendrie (Deputy), Eileen Logan, Duncan McIntyre, Davie McLachlan, Gavin Scott Ruth Simpson and Alistair Watson and appointed members Liz Connelly and Alan Malcolm.
- Apologies** Councillors Alex Hannah, Bill McIntosh and Eddie Philips.
- Attending** Valerie Davidson, Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support)/Secretary; Valerie Bowen, Senior Clerk; and Neil Wylie, Director of Finance.

### 1. Minute of previous meeting

The minute of the meeting of 25 January 2008 (issued) was submitted and approved as a correct record.

### 2. Revenue monitoring report as at 1 March 2008

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 18 March 2008 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support)/Treasurer,

- (1) reminding members that the Partnership had approved a revenue budget for 2007/08 of £45.376m;
- (2) appending the revenue monitoring report for the period to 1 March 2008 (period 12); and
- (3) informing members that, based on the information to date, an underspend of £49,000 was forecast at this stage and all expenditure heads would be monitored closely to ensure that the projected underspend was achieved.

After consideration and having heard Mrs. Davidson and Mr. Wylie in answer to members' questions, the committee noted the terms of the report.

### 3. Capital programme monitoring and proposed amendments and additions – as at 1 March 2008

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 13 March 2008 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Transport & Strategy),

- (1) providing a financial analysis of the capital programme budget and actual spend as at 1 March 2008 (period 12) in summary by service and in detail by project which highlighted an actual spend to date of £38.906m compared to a revised profile expenditure to be incurred by the end of period 12 of £41.328m;
- (2) highlighting the following projects which had been selected for detailed reporting:-

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- GPS location equipment for SPT secured services vehicles;
  - Adaptable bus project;
  - Subway modernisation;
  - West of Scotland Conurbation Public Transport Study;
  - Glasgow Airport Rail Link Phase 2;
  - Crossrail;
  - Croy Park and Ride;
  - Motherwell Transport Interchange;
  - Partick Interchange redevelopment; and
  - Property acquisition.
- (3) appending a list of various proposed amendments to the capital programme which, if approved, would result in an anticipated outturn spend of £51.548m at the end of the financial year;
- (4) advising members
- (a) that additional funding had been sought and utilised from current reserve balances and in a grant funding swap arrangement with other RTPs.
  - (b) that the funding received in 2007/08 of over £3m from the other RTPs would be returned to them in future financial years; and
- (5) recommending that the committee
- (a) note
    - (i) the delivery and financial performance of the 2007/08 SPT Capital Programme as at 1 March 2008; and
    - (ii) the additional funding sourced in 2007/08; and
  - (b) approve
    - (i) the amendments to the 2007/08 Capital Programme to reflect project delivery issues as undernoted;

<b>Capital Project</b>	<b>Value (£)</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>New Projects</b>		
On line ticketing	12,500	New project
St Enoch subway concourse	21,000	New project
Intranet / Internet development	60,000	New project
Improvements to A82 transport corridor	29,035	New project
Renewal of shelters	27,500	New project

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Springfield public transport improvements	15,000	New project
Subway modernisation	10,000	New project
<b>Project approved since last meeting</b>		
Property acquisition	17,559,000	Partnership Approved 15 February 2008
<b>Project Amendments</b>		
DDA access audit implementations	10,000	Budget increase
Paisley travel centre	-21,000	Budget decrease
GPS location equipment for SPT secured service vehicles	-620,000	Budget decrease
Rail ticketing system	-2,300	Budget decrease
SMS texting facilities for fixed route bus services	-180,000	Budget decrease
Partick bus station electronic information and CCTV install	-20,000	Budget decrease
Flexibus project	19,320	Budget increase
Timetable / Information production system	38,300	Budget increase
Kilmarnock car parks Variable Message Signs	-25,000	Budget decrease
Bus Lay-bys at Eastwood toll	-27,500	Budget decrease
Quality bus corridors	-20,000	Budget decrease
A71 Horsley Brae STAG 2	-20,000	Budget decrease
Motherwell rail station upgrade	-30,000	Budget decrease
Ravenscraig transportation corridor	-50,000	Budget decrease
Ayr rail station masterplan phase 1	-80,000	Budget decrease
Prestwick Airport bus shelters project	80,000	Budget increase

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A70 Holmston road widening	20,000	Budget increase
Barassie rail station platform study	10,000	Budget increase
A749 cycle route completion	49,000	Budget increase
Uddingston Park & Ride study	-29,500	Budget decrease
NCR 74 cycle route	45,500	Budget increase
Pedestrian signage - Hamilton	-5,000	Budget decrease
Study into the extension of Larkhall rail line	5,000	Budget increase
Sustainable transport measures	-49,000	Budget decrease
Study into new rail stations at Law & Symington	-18,000	Budget decrease
Bus based Park & Ride study	2,000	Budget increase
Easterhouse rail station car park extension	143,500	Budget increase
Partick Interchange development	-1,047,000	Budget decrease
Crossrail phase 1	9,000	Budget increase
Croy Park & Ride	35,800	Budget increase
Station improvements	5,300	Budget increase
Hamilton central interchange	-52,000	Budget decrease
Ayrshire transport model	-73,000	Budget decrease
Cycling parking facilities	-1,550	Budget decrease
Train wash	-64,000	Budget decrease
Refurbishment of Subway trailer cars	-170,000	Budget decrease
Life extension of autocouplers	-20,000	Budget decrease
Improve automatic train operation & onboard information	-8,000	Budget decrease
Replacement of power car batteries	-22,000	Budget decrease

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Staff accommodation	-83,000	Budget decrease
Enhancement of door entry system	-25,000	Budget decrease
Replacement of Subway ticketing system	-50,000	Budget decrease
Webcomm interface to PERDIS	-30,000	Budget decrease
Minor works	-77,000	Budget decrease
Train management system & CIS upgrade	-17,500	Budget decrease
Power car cab – sound insulation	-40,000	Budget decrease
Tunnel reinforcement	-100,000	Budget decrease
Subway crash bollards	-315,000	Budget decrease
Platform screens – Ibrox/Hillhead stations	-250,000	Budget decrease
Replacement compressors for power cars	-216,000	Budget decrease
Public address voice alarm system	30,000	Budget increase
Replacement turnout switches	30,000	Budget increase
New computer, network & telephony equipment	20,000	Budget increase
XP project roll out consultancy	20,000	Budget increase
New computer, network & telephony software	10,000	Budget increase
Upgrading GIS toolset	-30,000	Budget decrease
Citrix school web access	7,000	Budget increase
Mobile office project	7,000	Budget increase

(ii) grant funding to authorities as detailed in the report.

After having heard Mrs Davidson in further explanation and in answer to members' questions, the committee approved the recommendations at (5) above.

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#### 4. **SPT Involvement in the North Channel Partnership**

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 12 March 2008 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Transport & Strategy),

- (1) informing members
  - (a) of the purpose and membership of the North Channel Partnership, which had been established in 1999 and comprised public and commercial organisations with a view to improving transport links between Scotland and Northern Ireland;
  - (b) that the quality of the road and rail infrastructure between Stranraer/Cairnryan and the central belt was of concern to the North Channel Partnership due to the impact this had on the competitiveness of the ports in comparison to those ports served by alternative sea crossings from Northern Ireland to Wales and North West England; and
  - (c) that an invitation to become part of the North Channel Partnership Steering Group had been received; and
- (2) explaining
  - (a) that SPT's Regional Transport Strategy (RTS) recognised the need to improve connectivity to Stranraer/Cairnryan as a strategic priority; and
  - (b) that the terms of reference of the North Channel Partnership which sought to enhance the safety, quality and efficiency of road and rail connections were consistent with the RTS.

After discussion, the committee agreed

- (i) that SPT accept the invitation to become part of the North Channel Partnership Steering Group; and
- (ii) that the Chair (or substitute) and one official be authorised to attend meetings and the annual conference of the Partnership.

#### 5. **Exchange visit with Greater Toronto Transport Authority (Metrolinx)**

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 28 February 2008 by the Chief Executive,

- (1) informing members that representatives of the Greater Toronto Transport Authority (Metrolinx) had met with the Chair and SPT representatives in November 2007 to discuss a number of issues, including organisational structure and approaches, infrastructure funding and the wider issue of planning and developing transport within a growing conurbation;
- (2) advising members that Metrolinx had invited representatives from SPT to visit the Greater Toronto area to discuss further solutions and approaches; and

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(3) recommending that the invitation be accepted.

After discussion, the committee agreed that the Chair (or substitute) and one officer participate in an exchange visit.