

Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Minute of Strategy & Programmes Committee

23 November 2018

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 7 November 2018

Present Councillors Alan Moir (Chair), Dr Martin Bartos, Jim Roberts, Ian Cochrane, Maureen Devlin, Alan Lafferty, David Wilson, and appointed members Anne Follin, Brian Davidson, Jim McNally, Ann Faulds and Alex Macaulay.

Attending Gordon MacLennan, Chief Executive; Valerie Davidson, Assistant Chief Executive; Heather Maclean, Committee Officer; Gordon Dickson, Bus Services Manager and Bruce Kiloh, Head of Policy & Planning.

1. Apologies

Apologies were submitted from Councillors Anna Richardson and Tracy Carragher and appointed member Jo MacLennan.

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

The committee noted that there were no declarations of interest.

3. Minute of previous meeting

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The minute of the meeting of 7 September 2018, previously approved at SPT full Partnership, was submitted and approved as a correct record.

4. Revenue Monitoring Report as at 13 October 2018, Period 7

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 5 November 2018 by the Assistant Chief Executive:

- (a) appending the revenue monitoring report for the period to 13 October 2018 (period 7) which detailed the main variances, together with a detailed budgetary control report;
- (b) highlighting to members that SPT has made significant savings under employee costs through the continued review of services to ensure that the organisation continues to deliver in the most efficient and effective manner;
- (c) informing members that there has been strong subway patronage growth to date with a 5.6% increase compared to the same period in the previous financial year;
- (d) informing members of the major saving in the current year in relation to the payment re-profiling of the Technical Support and Spares Supply Agreement (TSSSA) contract for the new rolling stock and associated systems.
- (e) Highlighting that although the positive variance is welcome at this stage in the year there are various factors that could have a negative impact on SPT's financial position.

After consideration and having heard Ms Davidson in answer to members' questions, the committee;

- (i) noted the projected outturn position on the information available at the end of Period 7; and
 - (ii) note that proposals on achieving a year end break even position will be submitted to a future committee.
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5. Capital Programme Monitoring and Proposed Amendments Report as at 13 October 2018, Period 7

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 15 November 2018 by the Assistant Chief Executive

- (a) intimating that as at Period 7, ending 13 October 2018, the actual expenditure incurred on the SPT capital investment programme totals £25.927m compared to planned expenditure of £28.932m
- (b) providing a detailed financial analysis of individual projects contained within the programme, split by department; and
- (c) advising members that there were 22 proposed amendments to the 2018/2019 capital programme at this stage resulting in a net reduction of £1.807m.

After extensive conversation and having heard from Ms Davidson and Mr MacLennan in answer to members' questions, the committee;

- (i) approved the proposed amendments to the 2018/19 capital programme
- (ii) agreed to Grant Fund or to vary existing Grant Fund letters to the Local Authorities or other bodies for those awards up to the value of £200,000 and authorised the Assistant Chief Executive to complete the award letters;
- (iii) recommend that the Partnership meeting of 14 December 2018 approve to Grant Fund or to vary existing Grant Fund letters to the Local Authorities or other bodies for those awards over a cumulative value of £200,000.
- (iv) noted the financial performance of the 2018/19 capital programme as at Period 7; and
- (v) noted that further work to quantify and manage risk, advance savings and re-phase existing projects is being undertaken to balance spend against budget.

6. Mid-Year Treasury Management Report 2018/19

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There was submitted and noted a report (issued) of 14 November 2018 by the Assistant Chief Executive

- (a) informing members that, through regulations issued under the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003, a mid year report required to be produced to present an overview of treasury activities undertaken in the financial year to date,
 - (b) summarising the Treasury Management performance for the financial year 2017/2018 which covered
 - (i) economic performance to date and outlook;
 - (ii) treasury management strategy update;
 - (iii) capital position (prudential indicators);
 - (iv) investment strategy;
 - (v) investment outturn; and
 - (vi) borrowing;
 - (c) appending SPT's Counterparty list 2018/19 ; and
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- (d) concluding that during the first half of 2018/19 SPT operated within the Treasury Limits and Prudential Indicators set out in the Treasury Management Strategy 2018/19.

After consideration and response to members questions by Ms Davidson, the committee noted the content of this report.

7. **Transport Outcomes Report**

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 31 October 2018 by the Senior Director;

- (a) informing the Committee of the preparation of new format Transport Outcomes Reports (TORs) for SPT’s constituent councils and Community Planning Partnerships (CPPs);
- (b) highlighting the relationship between SPT activity and the local outcomes set out in CPPs Local Outcome Improvement Plans (LOIPS);
- (c) advising the Committee of the process for circulating the TORs;
- (d) highlight how the reporting format for the TORs could change in future; and
- (e) appending a draft copy of the new Transport Outcomes Report for Inverclyde as an example of the new TORs.

After discussion and hearing from messers Kiloh and Maclennan in response to members’ questions, the Committee;

- (i) Noted and welcomed the preparation of the new TORs for SPT’s constituent councils and CPPs;
- (ii) Noted the process for circulating the TOR and requested that consideration be given to sending to all Councils for distribution to all council members; and
- (iii) Noted the ongoing evolution of the format for gathering and disseminating the information in the TORs.

8. **Regional Transport Strategy**

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 30 October 2018 by the Senior Director providing an update to the Committee on the progress of developing the new Regional Transport Strategy.

After discussion and hearing from Mr Kiloh in response to members’ questions;

- (i) including a request to share more information on the various stakeholder group memberships, and
- (ii) a specific request to ensure that the role of Police Scotland and the security services was highlighted,

the committee noted the content of the report.

9. **Robroyston Station and Park & Ride – progress update**

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 30 October 2018 by the Senior Director to provide a progress update on the delivery of a new rail station and park & ride at Robroyston in Glasgow.

After discussion and on hearing from Messers Kiloh and Maclennan in response to members’ questions, the Committee noted the contents of the report.

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10. Rail Update in SPT area

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 26 October 2018 by the Senior Director, updating the Committee on rail issues in the SPT area, including:

- (a) The Edinburgh-Glasgow Improvement Programme (EGIP);
- (b) Timetable changes from December 2018, including new/improved services, additional capacity and new rolling stock;
- (c) Rail fare changes from January 2019;
- (d) No stopping services IBM, Inverclyde;
- (e) Disruption to services at Ayr station; and
- (f) Current key SPT rail projects and initiatives, including from the capital programme

After discussion, and further information requested from members

- (i) relating to the reduced service to Barrhill and Stranraer, and
- (ii) any further information relating to the proposed Kilmaurs Park and Ride Project,

the committee noted the content of the report.

11. Update on the development of the Regional Real Time Passenger Information (RTPI) System

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 30 October 2018 by the Senior Director providing an update to the committee on the development of the Regional Real Time Passenger Information (RTPI) system.

After discussion and hearing from Mr Dickson and Councillor Dr Bartos, the Committee noted the content of the report.
