



Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Minute of Strategy & Programmes Committee

21 May 2021

held by Video Conference

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Minute of the meeting of Strathclyde Partnership for Transport's Strategy & Programmes Committee held by Video Conference on 21 May 2021

- Present** Councillors Alan Moir (Chair), Dr Martin Bartos, Ian Cochrane, Catherine Johnston (Substitute), Anna Richardson (until Agenda Item 5), David Shearer, David Wilson and appointed members Brian Davidson, George Hazel, Ed McGrachan and Andrew Walters.
- Attending** Gordon MacLennan, Chief Executive; Valerie Davidson, Assistant Chief Executive/Partnership Secretary; Neil Wylie, Director of Finance; Bruce Kiloh, Head of Policy & Planning and Gordon Dickson, Head of Bus Strategy & Delivery.

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 Maureen Devlin, William Goldie, Alan Lafferty and Jim Roberts and appointed members Anne Follin and Jim McNally.

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

George Hazel highlighted that he was currently undertaking work as part of E-Rail in support of the Glasgow Metro project. The Committee noted this was unrelated to Agenda item 6 and therefore noted that there were no relevant declarations of interest.

3. Minute of previous meeting

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The minute of the meeting of 19 February 2021, having been considered at the Partnership meeting of 12 March 2021, was submitted and approved as a correct record.

4. Insurance Renewal

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 4 May 2021 by the Assistant Chief Executive updating the Committee on the renewal of SPT's insurance policies and recommending the Committee note the award of corresponding contracts.

After having heard Mr Wylie highlighting the market conditions that had resulted in additional costs, the Committee considered the report and noted the award of the insurance policies under delegated powers.

5. Strategic Issues Update for the SPT area

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 11 May 2021 by the Chief Executive providing members with an update on strategic level issues affecting transport in the west of Scotland and recommending approval of SPT's draft response to Transport Scotland's request for comments on the Strategic Transport Projects Review Phase 1 Recommendations, Case for Change reports, and Option groupings.

After considerable discussion on the effects the pandemic restrictions have had and continue to have on public transport and having heard from Mr Kiloh in answer to members' questions, the Committee:

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- (i) noted the contents of the report; and
- (ii) approved the draft SPT response to the STPR2 request for comments, attached at Appendix 1 of the report.

At this stage in the meeting, in response to members' questions, the Chair advised members that a full meeting of the Partnership would be arranged solely to discuss feedback received for the "Transport for Strathclyde" vision paper launched by the Chair and Vice Chairs in March 2021.

6. Fastlink Scheme Evaluation

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 4 May 2021 by the Assistant Chief Executive updating the Committee on the evaluation of the Fastlink scheme.

After hearing from Mr Dickson, the Committee noted the contents of the report.
