

## **Strathclyde Partnership for Transport**

### **Minute of the Strategy & Programmes Committee**

**5 September 2025**

held in person at 131 St Vincent Street and via Video Conference\*

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## **Minute of the meeting of Strathclyde Partnership for Transport's Strategy & Programmes Committee held at 131 St Vincent Street and via Video Conference\* on 5 September 2025**

**Present** Councillors David Wilson (Chair) Gordon Blair\*, Neal Ingram\*, Christy Mearns, Malcolm Mitchell, Lawrence O'Neill, John Ross\*, Sandy Watson and appointed members Geoff Duke, Anne Follin, Nicola Graham\*, Ed McGrachan\* and Andrew Walters\* (from Agenda Item 5)

**Attending** Valerie Davidson, Chief Executive; Bruce Kiloh, Head of Policy & Planning, Gordon Dickson, Head of Bus Strategy & Delivery; Richard Robinson, Director of Transport Operations, Stuart Paul; Head of Finance, Andrea Thompson, Head of Corporate Communications; Amy Bryceland, Solicitor (Clerk)

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 Stephen Dornan, Owen O'Donnell and Alan Moir.

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

The Committee noted there were no declarations of interest.

### **3. Minute of previous meeting**

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The minute of the meeting of 13 June 2025, having been considered, approved as required and agreed at the Partnership meeting of 27 June 2025 as a correct record, was duly noted.

### **4. 2024/2025 Revenue Outturn, Revenue Monitoring Report as at Period 4, ending 19 July 2025 and updated Financial Forecast for Financial Year 2025/2026**

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 27 August 2025 by the Director of Finance & Corporate Support to advise members of the final outturn for the financial year 2024/2025 and also to report the net revenue position as at the end of Period 4, 18 July 2025 including an updated financial forecast for the current financial year, stating the assumptions made regarding income and expenditure levels.

After hearing from Mr Paul in response to members' questions, with regard to ongoing cost pressure points and whether these would impact on the current financial year or would fall into the next financial year, the Committee noted:

- i) The final outturn position for 2024/2025;
  - ii) The projected outturn position for 2025/2026 based on the information available at the end of P4; and
  - iii) The financial pressures which continue to impact in the current financial year including supported bus services contract costs, pay awards applied and inflationary pressure which will impact on internal and external costs in future financial years.
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**5. 2024/2025 Capital Outturn and Capital Programme Monitoring and Proposed Amendments Report**

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 18 August 2025 by the Director of Finance & Corporate Support to report to the Committee on the 2024/2025 capital outturn position, seek approval for proposed amendments to the 2025/2026 capital programme, seek approval to Grant Fund as detailed in section 8(iii) of this report and to provide an update on 2025/2026 treasury management activities.

After hearing from Mr Paul the Committee:

- i) noted the 2024/2025 capital outturn position;
- ii) approved the proposed amendments to the 2025/2026 capital programme as at Appendix 2 of the report;
- iii) 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 authorise that grant award letters be concluded in line with approved governance arrangements.
- P** iv) recommended the Partnership meeting of 19 September 2025 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;
- v) noted the financial performance of the 2025/2026 capital programme as at Period 4; and
- vi) noted the 2025/2026 treasury management update as at Period 4.

**6. Annual Treasury Management Report 2024/2025**

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 18 August 2025 by the Director of Finance & Corporate Support, to report to the Committee on the treasury management activities and the actual Prudential and Treasury indicators for financial year 2024/2025.

After having heard from Mr Paul, in response to members' questions, in particular on how SPT could consider or exercise borrowing in the future, the Committee noted the contents of the report and noted the Prudential and Treasury Indicators for 2024/2025 as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.

**7. SPT People & Place Programme Update**

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 20 August 2025 by the Head of Policy & Planning to update the Committee on the project delivery outcomes of the SPT People and Place Programme (PPP) 2024/2025 and on the SPT People and Place Programme 2025/2026, including the new Community Fund

Having heard from Mr Kiloh in response to members' questions and welcoming the investment, members:

- i) stressed the importance of the need to ensure fit for purpose infrastructure to support not only cycling but also walking and wheeling, including that the basics of safe footpaths were in place,
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- ii) noted the work being carried out to consider linkage between modes of transport;
- iii) requested that analysis to understand users behaviours was also undertaken; and
- iv) sought assurances and details of how members can promote the scheme to encourage bidders within their communities,

thereafter the Committee noted the contents of the report.

## **8. Buchanan Bus Station Masterplan**

[Click here to view the report and presentation](#)

There was submitted a report (issued) of 20 August 2025 by the Head of Policy & Planning to update the Committee on the progress of the Buchanan Bus Station (BBS) Masterplan project.

Following a short presentation on high level options and having heard from Mr Kiloh in response to members' questions, in particular how SPT will appraise options; the commercial opportunities that could come with the project; the need for BBS to be functional as a transport hub with easy access and the value of effective sign-posting to other nearby transport links, the Committee noted the contents of the report and the project progress to date.

The Committee welcomed the work being carried out in relation to the BBS Masterplan to date and expressed a request to be informed of progress made on the project throughout.