

Partnership minute



Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Minute of meeting

11 December 2020

held via Video Conference

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Minute of the meeting of the Strathclyde Partnership for Transport held via Video Conference on 11 December 2020

Present Councillors Dr Martin Bartos (Chair), Graeme Brooks (Substitute), Colin Cameron, Ian Cochrane, Maureen Devlin, William Goldie, Graham Hardie, Alan Lafferty, Marie McGurk, Marie McNair, Michael McPake, Alan Moir, Richard Nelson, Donald Reid, Anna Richardson, Jim Roberts and David Shearer and appointed members Greg Beecroft, Brian Davidson, Ann Faulds (from Agenda Item 5), Anne Follin, Graham Johnston, Alex Macaulay (from Agenda Item 5) and Jim McNally.

Attending Gordon Maclennan, Chief Executive; Valerie Davidson, Assistant Chief Executive, Neil Wylie, Director of Finance; Antony Smith, Director of Subway; Bruce Kiloh, Head of Policy & Planning; Gordon Dickson, Head of Bus Strategy & Delivery; and Andrea Thomson, Media & Public Affairs Manager.

1. Apologies

Apologies were submitted from Councillors Malcolm Balfour, Richard Bell and David Wilson.

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

Appointed members Greg Beecroft and Anne Follin declared an interest in Items 4a, 4d and Press & Public Excluded Item 11 and confirmed they would leave the meeting after Item 10.

3. Minute of previous meeting

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The minute of the meeting of 18 September 2020 was submitted and approved as a correct record with no matters arising.

The Chair updated the Partnership on meeting of 3 December 2020 with the Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity, highlighting it was a positive discussion covering issues including:

- (i) ongoing funding support, including financial support for Q1 of 2020/21; and
- (ii) the ongoing and valued work of SPT and other RTPs.

The Chair confirmed that the Cabinet Secretary was unable to commit to additional monies for Q1 2020/21 and advised of challenges with clarity on UK government Barnett consequential funding, but both recognised the productive officer engagement taking place to address the remainder of this financial year and agreed that:

- (a) the information on future public transport funding options undertaken by SPT would be shared with Transport Scotland; and
- (b) that SPT and Transport Scotland would continue to discuss how to rebalance the financial relationship and bus industry role in the future transport network.

The Chair undertook to write to the Cabinet Secretary seeking a route to continue the positive engagement.

4. Committee Minutes

The minutes (issued) of the undernoted committees were noted and approved as an accurate record notwithstanding an explanatory amendment of thanks to SPT staff noted in the

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Operations Committee Minute of 6 November 2020:

- (a) Recruitment Committee of 23 October 2020;
- (b) Personnel Appeals Sub Committee of 30 October 2020;
- (c) Operations Committee of 6 November 2020;
- (d) Recruitment Committees of 9 and 12 November 2020;
- (e) Strategy & Programmes Committee of 20 November 2020, including approval of the specific matters addressed at Items 5 and 6; and
- (f) Audit & Standards Committee of 27 November 2020.

5. Shaping the Future of Transport in Scotland

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 1 December 2020 by the Chairs advising the Partnership of a forthcoming public discussion paper to be developed with input from Partnership members, which is intended to stimulate engagement and alignment with the forthcoming Regional Transport Strategy (RTS) consultation in early 2021, and encourage positive debate about the policy options and strategic opportunities which could help deliver transformational change towards an available, accessible, affordable, ecologically and economically sustainable, efficient, integrated, and safe transport network for the people and communities of the west of Scotland to enjoy.

After discussion of the themes raised and hearing further from the Chair and Vice Chair, the Partnership noted the contents of the report.

6. Subway Modernisation – progress update

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 25 November 2020 by the Director of Subway, supplemented by an updated video, providing the Partnership with the latest progress update on the Subway Modernisation programme.

After discussion and after hearing from Mr Smith, Mr Wylie and Mr MacLennan in response to members' questions, the Partnership noted:

- a) The continued progress made on all Subway Modernisation and improvements since the last written update to the Partnership in June 2020;
- b) The significant and on-going impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on modernisation activity;
- c) On-going delays and cost claims defence on the MSA contract;
- d) Impacts to the TSSSA contract from MSA delays;
- e) Impacts and likely further delay and contract claims to both MSA and TSSSA contracts from COVID-19 as a Force Majeure event;
- f) The on-going contract negotiations of the ANSTA JV MSA delay mitigation proposal for an alternative migration plan, with re-design and works re-planning now underway;

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- g) Operational impacts of the reported delays continue to be assessed and mitigation plans are underway, including existing fleet maintenance and reliability programmes; and
- h) The modernisation programme remains within overall budget and funding.

7. Transport Scotland Bus Partnership Fund

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 17 November 2020 by the Chief Executive updating the Partnership on the launch of Transport Scotland's Bus Partnership Fund.

After discussion and after hearing from Mr Kiloh specifically highlighting the important role for SPT working with all stakeholders, contributing to a robust bid and delivery thereon, the Partnership noted the contents of the report.

8. COVID19 Pandemic – Impact on Transport Trends and Travel Behaviours

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 17 November 2020 by the Chief Executive updating the Partnership on the impacts of the COVID19 pandemic on transport trends and travel behaviours.

After discussion and after hearing from Mr Kiloh, the Partnership noted the contents of the report.

9. Records Management Policy Update

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 30 November 2020 by the Assistant Chief Executive recommending the Partnership approves a revised Records Management Policy.

After hearing from Mrs Davidson, the Partnership approved the revised Records Management Policy and noted that this will be appended to the evidence pack submitted to the Keeper of Records in due course.

10. Consultation on the Model Code of Conduct for Members of devolved public bodies

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 27 October 2020 by the Assistant Chief Executive informing members of a recent Scottish Government consultation on amendments to the Model Code of Conduct for Members of devolved public bodies, and seeking approval to the support of the changes.

After hearing from Mrs Davidson, the Partnership noted the proposed changes as outlined in the report and approved SPT's proposed response.

11. Recruitment of Appointed Members

The Committee resolved in terms of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 to exclude the press and public from the meeting as exempt information, defined in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 7a, was to be disclosed.

There was submitted a report (issued) of 23 November 2020 by the Assistant Chief Executive recommending the Partnership approve the appointment of four new appointed members and re-appointment of a further two current appointed members following a recruitment process undertaken consistent with the Scottish Government Public Appointments process.

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After discussion and after hearing from Mrs Davidson in response to members' questions, the Partnership approved the appointment of the six candidates as outlined in the report, and noted that the agreement of the Cabinet Secretary for Transport would now be sought.