

Strathclyde Partnership for Transport minute of Strategy & Programmes Committee meeting

25 January 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 25 January 2008

- Present** Councillors David Fagan (Chair) Robert Burrows, Charlie Gilbert (Deputy), Bill McIntosh, Davie McLachlan, George Roberts and Alistair Watson and appointed members Liz Connelly and Alan Malcolm.
- Apologies** Councillors William Hogg (Deputy), Eddie Phillips, Gavin Scott and Ruth Simpson.
- Attending** Valerie Davidson, Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support)/Secretary; Valerie Bowen, (Senior Clerk); John Halliday, Assistant Chief Executive (Transport & Strategy) and Neil Wylie (Director of Finance).

1. Minute of previous meeting

The minute of the meeting of 16 November 2007 (issued) was submitted and approved as a correct record.

2. Revenue monitoring report as at 8 December 2007

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 7 January 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 8 December 2007 (period 9); and
- (3) informing members that, based on the information to date, an underspend of £205,000 was forecast at this stage and all expenditure heads would be monitored closely to ensure that the project underspend was achieved.

After consideration, the committee noted the terms of the report.

3. Proposed revenue budget 2008/09

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P With reference to the minute of 16 November 2007 (page 3, paragraph 4) when the committee had considered, inter alia,

- (1) a draft revenue budget of £45.786m which had been prepared taking into account the ongoing operation of the Partnership, giving due consideration to any growth bids together with the management of constrained resources; and
- (2) a summary of the proposed requisition sought from constituent authorities which amounted to an increase of no more than 1.5%,

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there was submitted a report (issued) of 18 January 2008 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support)

- (a) informing members
 - (i) that since the last report to the committee the Scottish Budget had been published;
 - (ii) that although confirmation had been received that the Scottish Government would continue direct support to the Partnership in 2008/09 for items such as feasibility studies and RTS costs, the key revenue impact on SPT was the transfer of the Rural Transport Grant (RTG) and Bus Route Development Grant (BRDG) within SPT's area from SPT direct to the constituent local authorities and the continued allocation of the Demand Responsive Transport Grant (DRTG) to these local authorities;
 - (iii) that none of these grants would remain ring-fenced and would instead be rolled up into the local authority settlement for this Comprehensive Spending Revenue period; and
 - (iv) that although agreement had been reached with SPT's constituent authorities on the principle of the transfer of RTG and BRDG funding to SPT, discussions were ongoing with authorities in receipt of DRTG funding and a recommendation on the most appropriate requisition basis would be made by the West of Scotland Director of Finance Group;
- (b) explaining that the Strathclyde Concessionary Travel Joint Committee would consider the draft budget for the concessionary travel scheme separately;
- (c) reminding members that a requisition increase of 1.5% had been previously agreed with the local authorities;
- (d) advising members that fares, fees and charges remained as previously proposed; and
- (e) recommending approval of the proposed revenue budget as detailed in the report which took account of the amendments referred to above.

After consideration and having heard Mr Wylie in further explanation of the amended total figure in respect of RTG, BRDG and DRT, the committee agreed to recommend to the Partnership approval of the proposed revenue budget as undernoted:-

Constituent Authority Requisition	£35.334m
Scottish Government Long Term Agreement	£ 8.534m
Scottish Government Direct	£ 1.220m
Rural Transport, Bus Route Development, DRT	£ 1.927m
Travel Planners Grant	£ 0.170m
Total	£47.230m

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4. Capital programme monitoring and proposed amendments and additions – as at 08 December 2007

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 8 January 2008 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Transport & Strategy),

- (1) providing a financial analysis of the capital programme budget and actual spend as at 8 December 2007 (period 9) in summary by service and in detail by project, which highlighted an actual spend to date of £9.328m compared to a revised profiled expenditure budgeted to be incurred by the end of period 9 of £9.833m;
- (2) highlighting the following projects which had been selected for detailed reporting:-
 - Timetable Information and Production System;
 - Extension of Telecommunications for Demand Responsive Transport;
 - GPS Location Equipment SPT Secured Services Vehicles;
 - Flexibus Project;
 - Subway Modernisation;
 - Glasgow Conurbation Public Transport Study;
 - Crossrail;
 - Croy (Park and Ride).
- (3) appending a list of various proposed amendments to the capital programme which, if approved, would result in an anticipated outturn spend of £37.106m at the end of the financial year;
- (4) advising members that, as there was still an overall projected shortfall of £4.489m to meet SPT's minimum general capital consent, consideration would be given to other areas of potential spend in 2007/08 with various projects currently being assessed for strategic fit against the Regional Transport Strategy (RTS) and a report would be presented to the next Partnership meeting for approval; and
- (5) recommending that the Committee
 - (a) note the delivery and financial performance of the 2007/08 SPT Capital Programme as at 8 December 2007 (Period 9);
 - (b) approve the amendments to the 2007/08 Capital Programme to reflect project delivery issues as undernoted;

Capital Project	Value (£)	Status
Rail Station CCTV stage 12	300,000	Budget increase
Glasgow Airport Rail Link	500,000	Budget increase
Hyndland / Gartnavel Study	5,000	Budget increase
Subway crash bollards	15,000	Budget increase

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Platform screens	8,000	Budget increase
Train radio system	7,900	Budget increase
Station improvements	20,000	Budget increase
Workshop wheel lathe	15,000	Budget increase
Extension of Silverburn Bus Station	(100,000)	Budget reduction
UTMC Parking Management	(39,000)	Budget reduction
Ayrshire Transport Model	(52,000)	Budget reduction
Train wash	(59,000)	Budget reduction
Tunnel reinforcement	(63,000)	Budget reduction
Staff accommodation	(4,000)	Budget reduction
Laptops for learning project	6,000	New project
Bus shelter in Abercorn street, Paisley	15,000	New project
Developing marine access to National Park	30,000	New project
Crossing options at Renfrew / Yoker	60,000	New project
Backup enhancement project	45,000	New project
Hamilton Central interchange	(81,000)	Re-profiled into 2008/09
Bus station strategy study	(45,000)	Re-profiled into 2008/09
Park & ride strategy development	(45,000)	Re-profiled into 2008/09
Refurbishment of trailer cars	(295,500)	Re-profiled into 2008/09
Power car cab – sound insulation	(135,000)	Re-profiled into 2008/09

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Refurbishment of battery locomotives	(160,000)	Re-profiled into 2008/09
Improve ATO & implement on-board information	(40,000)	Re-profiled into 2008/09
New trackmobile	(96,000)	Re-profiled into 2008/09
Life extension of autocouplers	(47,000)	Re-profiled into 2008/09
Upgrading GIS toolset	(50,000)	Re-profiled into 2008/09
Train management system & CIS upgrade	32,000	Slippage 2006/07

- (c) note that mitigation plans were in place to ensure the legal minimum budget allocation for 2007/08 would be utilised and would be brought forward for approval to the February Partnership meeting.

After hearing the Assistant Chief Executive (Transport & Strategy) in further explanation and in answer to members' questions the committee approved the recommendations at (5) above.

5. Glasgow Crossrail – Progress Update

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 15 January 2008 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Transport & Strategy)

- (1) outlining the background to the Glasgow Crossrail Project;
- (2) summarising the outcome of a Technical Feasibility Study;
- (3) detailing the wider economic, accessibility and social inclusion benefits of the project; and
- (4) requesting that the Committee
 - (a) note the findings of the Glasgow Crossrail STAG Appraisal; and
 - (b) agree to the submission of the findings of the appraisal to Transport Scotland seeking inclusion of Glasgow Crossrail in the Strategic Transport Projects Review and the National Planning Framework.

Following a presentation by the Assistant Chief Executive (Transport & Strategy) which included the schematic layout, Scottish South West Rail network connectivity from Glasgow

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Central Station, potential barriers to extend passenger services, anticipated costs and possible journey times, the committee approved the requests at (4) above.

6. Regional Transport Strategy Action Plans – Walking and Cycling, Smarter Choices, Freight, Access to Healthcare, Bus and Park & Ride

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 11 December 2007 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Transport & Strategy)

- (1) advising members that
 - (a) a number of action plans had been developed as part of the overall Regional Transport Strategy (RTS); and
 - (b) each action plan focused on issues that required a more structural regional approach;
- (2) appending proposed implementation plans for each of the action plans in respect of
 - Walking and Cycling;
 - Smarter choices;
 - Freight
 - Access to healthcare;
 - Bus;
 - Park and Ride.
- (3) explaining that these and other action plans would form one element of an overall Delivery Plan which would be developed by SPT detailing projects to be delivered within the next three years;
- (4) informing members that the draft Delivery Plan would be submitted to a future Partnership meeting for approval; and
- (5) requesting that the committee approve the implementation plans for each action plan as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the committee approved the recommendation at (5) above.