

Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Minute of meeting

7 November 2014

held in Consort House, Glasgow

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Present Councillors Jim Coleman (Chair), Malcolm Balfour, John Bruce, Gilbert Davidson, Eddie Devine, Bill Grant, Alan Moir, Bobby McDill, Pauline McKeever, Denis McKenna, Hamish Stewart, Chris Thompson, Paul Welsh and David Wilson and appointed members Ann Faulds, Anne Follin, Tom Hart, Graham Johnston, Alan Malcolm, Jim McNally, Niall McGrogan and Gavin Scott.

Attending Valerie Davidson, Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support); Valerie A Bowen, Senior Committee Officer; Gordon Maclennan, Chief Executive; Eric Stewart, Assistant Chief Executive (Operations) and Charlie Hoskins, Senior Director.

Also attending John Yellowlees, ScotRail.

1. Apologies

Apologies were submitted from Councillors Kaye Harmon and Robert G MacIntyre.

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

The Partnership noted the following declarations of interest in respect of items on the agenda:-

- (1) Ann Faulds declared an interest in respect of her advisory role to the Buchanan Galleries Partnership and left the meeting during discussion of the item.
- (2) Anne Follin declared an interest in respect of her planning advisory role for Aecom in relation to Fastlink.

3. Minute of previous meeting

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The minute of the meeting of 12 September 2014 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

Arising from the minute (page 9, paragraph 12), the Partnership agreed to record the level of concern that had been expressed at the meeting in relation to the Edinburgh-Glasgow Rail Improvement Project and the anticipated disruption arising in the area surrounding Queen Street Station. This included matters relating to the poor planning of car park provision, taxi facilities and Blue Badge provision during the construction phase of the station.

Thereon, Mr Maclennan informed the Partnership that the Office of the Rail Regulator had made contact with him to discuss SPT's objections and concerns in more detail and, as it was unknown at this stage what action would be taken, SPT's objections remained in place.

4. Committee minutes

The minutes (issued) of the undernoted committees were noted:-

- (1) Audit & Standards Committee of 12 September 2014;
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- (2) Operations Committee of 3 October 2014;
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- (3) Strategy & Programmes Committee of 10 October 2014; and
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- (4) Personnel Committee of 10 October 2014.
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Arising from the minute of the Operations Committee, Mr Stewart updated members on the current position in relation to Henderson Travel and the impact that the company ceasing to trade had had on SPT services.

5. Membership update

Mrs Davidson advised members that one of North Lanarkshire Council's representatives on the Partnership, Councillor David Fagan, had intimated his resignation with effect from 29 October 2014.

She further advised that North Lanarkshire Council had not yet notified SPT of his replacement.

6. SPT Annual Report 2013/2014

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There was submitted a joint report (issued) of 25 August 2014 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support) and the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) appending the draft SPT Annual Report for 2013/2014;
- (2) informing members
 - (a) that the draft Report now included the Regional Transport Strategy (RTS) Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) in order to provide a full overview of the previous year's projects, services and other activities including operational performance figures;
 - (b) that SPT would continue to provide the full table of regional transport trends (previously included in the AMR) through the RTS page on the SPT website. This would allow the information to be kept up to date given varying statistical publication dates; and
 - (b) that the Report showed significant progress by SPT and partners towards delivering the RTS Outcomes over the previous year and highlighted key areas for further progress for the year ahead;
- (3) explaining that SPT's ability to deliver effectively projects, services and initiatives which supported the achievement of RTS outcomes would be dependent on future funding and partnership working with the Scottish Government, constituent councils and other public and private sector partners; and
- (4) recommending that the Partnership approve the draft SPT Annual Report for submission to Scottish Ministers.

After consideration and having heard Mrs Davidson in further explanation, the Partnership approved the recommendation at (4) above.

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7. Amendment to Subway Conditions of Travel

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With reference to the minute of 7 December 2012 (page 2, paragraph 6) when the Partnership had approved the introduction of Subway Conditions of Travel and had agreed the terms of new Subway Byelaws, there was submitted a report (issued) of 23 October 2014 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support)

- (1) informing members that both the Byelaws (which had been subsequently confirmed) and the Conditions of Travel were silent on the matter of smoking as it had been considered that as smoking within Subway trains and premises was already prohibited in terms of the Smoking, Health and Social Care (Scotland) Act 2005, there was no requirement to refer to this further;
- (2) explaining that, in the last two years, there had been a significant increase in the use of electronic or vapour cigarettes which had not been considered in the legislation detailed above, or in the current Conditions of Travel;
- (3) appending amended Subway Conditions of Travel which stressed at clause 4 that both smoking tobacco products and the use of electronic cigarettes was prohibited; and
- (4) recommending that the Partnership approve the amendment to the Subway Conditions of Travel.

After consideration, the Partnership approved the recommendation at (4) above, subject to the various comments made at the meeting being taken into consideration.

8. Subway modernisation station refurbishments: Kelvinbridge Underground Station advance waterproofing works- Proposed award of contract

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After consideration of a report (issued) of 28 October 2014 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations) on tenders received for Kelvinbridge Underground Station advance waterproofing works, the Partnership agreed to the award of a contract to the most economically advantageous tenderer, Graham Construction, with an overall contract budget of up to £714,550.02 excluding VAT.

9. Register of Contracts Awarded and Variations

The Partnership noted that the Register of Contracts Awarded and Variations for the period 1 July to 30 September 2014 was available for inspection after the meeting.

10. Exclusion of press and public

The Partnership resolved that the press and public be excluded for the next 2 items of business on the agenda, it being considered that otherwise there would be disclosure to them of exempt information in terms of paragraphs 6, 8 and 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7a to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

11. Proposal to sell Consort House and acquire replacement office premises

With reference to the minute of 12 September 2014 (page 5, paragraph 12) when the Chief Executive had provided an update on the current position with regard to the potential

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requirement to vacate Consort House, there was submitted a report (issued to members only) of 13 October 2014 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support)

- (1) reminding members
 - (a) that the announcement by Network Rail (NR) and Transport Scotland (TS) of a plan to undertake major works at Queen Street Station had significant property implications for SPT;
 - (b) that the redevelopment plans, as announced, had included the demolition of Consort House, the main office location of SPT; and
 - (c) that, as NR had previously intimated that, if necessary, the use of compulsory purchase legislation would be used to acquire the building to ensure the development, it was considered to be in the interests of all parties to negotiate a voluntary transaction rather than the prolonged compulsory purchase legal process;
- (2) intimating that since the announcement of the plans, SPT had conducted a number of concurrent work streams to ensure it was in a position to deal with these proposals in a relatively short time scale; and
- (3) informing members
 - (a) that an unexpected opportunity had arisen in the property market to acquire a city centre property, subject to an agreed price, commercial confidentiality being maintained and conclusion of the transaction prior to the end of the calendar year;
 - (b) that it was considered that the property matched SPT's objectives and requirements and thus over time should result in on-going revenue savings; and
 - (c) that the acquisition would be funded by the sale of Consort House with a subsequent positive flow of a useable capital receipt.

After consideration and having heard Mrs Davidson in amplification of the report, the Partnership

- (i) approved various recommendations as detailed in the report, supplemented by the details confirmed at the meeting; and
- (ii) delegated the agreement of the final legal terms and conditions to the Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support).

12. 170/174 Buchanan Street and 13/19B Dundas Street, Glasgow

After consideration of a report (issued to members only) of 28 October 2014 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support) on the implications for SPT and the subway operation in relation to land at 70/174 Buchanan Street and 13/19B Dundas Street, Glasgow, which had arisen from the proposed Glasgow Queen Street Station development and the further planned development of Buchanan Galleries, the Partnership agreed to delegate to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Senior Legal Advisor, authority to

- (1) agree lease terms of the land on the basis set out in the report and contract terms for the work to be carried out by LS Buchanan Ltd (LSB); and

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- (2) withdraw SPT's objection to the CPO and conclude the lease of the properties to LSB, once agreed.