

## Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

### Minute of meeting

**11 December 2015**

held in Consort House, Glasgow

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## **Minute of the meeting of the Strathclyde Partnership for Transport held in Consort House, Glasgow, on 11 December 2015**

**Present** Councillors Denis McKenna (Chair until item 6), Tony Buchanan, Gilbert Davidson, Eddie Devine, Allan Falconer, Jonathan Findlay, Kaye Harmon, Alan Moir, Frank McNally, Lawrence O'Neill, Hamish Stewart, Paul Welsh and David Wilson and appointed members Ann Faulds, Anne Follin, Tom Hart, Graham Johnston, Alan Malcolm, Jim McNally 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); Charlie Hoskins, Senior Director; Ronnie Park, Director of Bus Operations; John Binning, Principal Transport Policy Officer; Dominic McManus, Business Improvement Officer and John Lightbody, Systems Analyst.

### **1. Apologies**

Apologies were submitted from Councillors Malcolm Balfour, John Bruce, Bill Grant, Chris Kelly, Robert G MacIntyre, Bobby McDill, Pauline McKeever and Kathy Morrice (substitute).

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

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

- (1) Anne Follin in respect of her advisory role in relation to planning matters concerned with Fastlink; and
- (2) Ann Faulds in respect of her firm's role in acting for Glasgow City Council in relation to proposals for resident parking at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital.

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

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The minute of the meeting of 9 October 2015 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

Arising from the minute with regard to page 5, paragraph 3(a), Councillor O'Neill thanked SPT officers for attending the recent Dalmuir and Mountblow Community Council meeting at which transport options to the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital had been discussed. Officers also clarified the terms under which a subsidised bus service could generally be provided.

Following discussion and having heard Councillor O'Neill report that the Community Council proposed to introduce a pilot for a new service to the hospital, the Partnership noted that SPT officers would work with and support West Dunbartonshire Council should the Council secure the necessary funding.

### **4. Membership update**

Mrs Davidson informed members of the undernoted changes to representation on the Partnership:-

- (1) the appointment by East Ayrshire Council of Councillor Kathy Morrice to replace Councillor Jim Buchanan (substitute); and

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- (2) the appointment by Glasgow City Council of Councillor Jonathan Findlay to replace Councillor Jim Coleman, which had left a vacancy in the role of Chair.

## 5. Appointment of Chair

With reference to the previous item, nominations were sought for the post of Chair.

Councillor Lawrence O'Neill, seconded by Councillor Eddie Devine, moved that Councillor Jonathan Findlay be elected to the post of Chair and there being no further nominations, the Partnership agreed unanimously to appoint Councillor Findlay who took the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

Councillor Findlay highlighted the achievements of the former chair, Councillor Jim Coleman, and thanked him for his outstanding contribution to the Partnership.

Looking ahead, Councillor Findlay intimated that he was keen to ensure that SPT continued to secure excellent value for money for partner authorities and insisted that SPT should not flinch from championing the interests of the travelling public across Strathclyde - including the promotion of active travel and pressing the case for better regulation and integration of public transport.

## 6. Committee minutes

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

- (1) Operations Committee of 6 November 2015;  
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- (2) Strategy & Programmes Committee of 13 November 2015; and  
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- (3) Audit & Standards Committee of 13 November 2015.  
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## 7. Members' training

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After consideration of a report (issued) of 3 December 2015 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support)

- (1) intimating that a training session based on the "On Board – Roles and Responsibilities of Board Members" document had been delivered recently to SPT members;
- (2) explaining that it was proposed to deliver another session of the training in 2016; and
- (3) informing members that it was the intention to provide refresher training for all Audit & Standard Committee members in early 2016,

the Partnership noted that Mrs Davidson would provide further guidance to members on topics for which training could be provided.

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## 8. Subway Modernisation – Progress update

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There was submitted and noted a report (issued) of 25 November 2015 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) providing information on the overall progress made on the Subway modernisation project since the last update to the Partnership in June 2015, particularly in relation to
  - (a) the on-going programme of design and implementation of station improvements including the construction of Govan and Buchanan Street stations and the installation of new escalators;
  - (b) the commencement of large scale grouting works in the tunnel infrastructure;
  - (c) the progress on the ramps and turnouts renewal design and efforts to establish operational and opportunity plans for the suspended service window; and
  - (d) the current status of the rolling stock, signalling and associated systems procurement; and
- (2) explaining that, as part of the wider programme of activities for Subway modernisation, the overall programme was within overall budget and funding.

Thereon, Messrs Dominic McManus, Business Improvement Officer and John Lightbody, Systems Analyst, were introduced to members and gave a presentation on new ways of working at SPT through creating products and services which optimised information handling, facilitated process improvement and helped drive efficiency.

## 9. Independent Review of the Scottish Planning System: Call for Evidence – SPT response

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 17 November 2015 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) intimating
  - (a) that the Scottish Government had announced its intention to review the planning system in its Programme for Government 2015 – 2016 with a view to increasing delivery of developments through a quicker, more accessible and efficient process; and
  - (b) that an independent panel had been appointed by the Scottish Government to undertake the review and to report back on the strengths and weaknesses of the current planning system together with suggestions to improve planning in the following six key areas:

Development planning;  
Housing delivery;  
Planning for infrastructure;  
Further improvements to development management;  
Leadership, resourcing and skills; and,  
Community engagement,

which would be used to inform the development of a future Scottish Government programme of further planning reform;

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- (2) informing members that SPT remained a strong supporter of greater integration between transport and land-use planning and the call for evidence by the Inquiry provided SPT with another opportunity to influence the future direction of planning in Scotland;
- (3) appending SPT's draft response which had been submitted within the deadline of 1 December 2015, subject to Partnership approval; and
- (4) recommending approval of SPT's draft response.

After consideration, and having heard that SPT would seek to engage further with the Inquiry panel, including through the oral evidence sessions in January, and would advise of the Inquiry Panel's outcomes in due course, the Partnership approved SPT's proposed response to the Scottish Government's review of the Scottish Planning System subject to the inclusion of various points made by members at the meeting.

#### **10. Footway Parking and Double Parking (Scotland) Bill: Call for Evidence by Scottish Parliament Local Government and Regeneration Committee - SPT response**

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 18 November 2015 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) intimating that the Scottish Parliament's Local Government and Regeneration Committee had launched a call for written evidence as part of its consideration of the Footway Parking and Double Parking (Scotland) Bill;
- (2) informing members that SPT's response had sought to ensure that, if taken forward for legislation, the provisions of the Bill must be considered in a proportionate way, balancing the needs of all road and footway users, and the varying types and widths of roads which public service vehicles used;
- (3) appending SPT's draft response which had been submitted within the deadline of 6 November 2015, subject to Partnership approval; and
- (4) recommending approval of SPT's draft response.

After consideration, and having heard members express concerns that legislation, both current and new, would require appropriate implementation and monitoring to be effective, the Partnership

- (a) agreed that SPT should continue to engage with the Committee as necessary and inform the Partnership of the progress of the Bill in due course; and
- (b) approved SPT's response to the Scottish Parliament's Local Government and Regeneration Committee's call for evidence on footway and double parking, having noted the comments made by members at the meeting.

#### **11. Proposed award of contracts**

After consideration of reports (issued) of 19 November 2015 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support) and 16 November 2015 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations), the committee approved the award of the following contracts:-

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Contract	Contractor(s)	Amount	Remarks
Managed print solutions <a href="#">Click here to view report</a>	Capital Solutions	£281,358.08 for 5 year contract	Most economically advantageous tender. Expectation of future cost reduction over life of contract utilising device flexibility offered
Subway temporary resource frame – work <a href="#">Click here to view report</a>	McGinley Support Services Ltd	Up to £3m for initial 2 year award with option to extend for further two years (awarded on year by year basis) based on agreed rates	Call off contract. Most economically advantageous tender.