

Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Minute of meeting

13 February 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 13 February 2015

Present Councillors Jim Coleman (Chair), John Bruce, Eddie Devine, Allan Falconer, Bill Grant, Kaye Harmon, Chris Kelly, Alan Moir, Bobby McDill, Pauline McKeever, Denis McKenna, Frank McNally and Hamish Stewart and appointed members Anne Follin, Tom Hart, 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); Charlie Hoskins, Senior Director; Neil Wylie, Director of Finance and HR and Bill McDowell, Project Technical Co-Ordinator, SPT.

1. Apologies

Apologies were submitted from Councillors Tony Buchanan, Gilbert Davidson and David Wilson and appointed members Ann Faulds and Graham Johnston.

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

The Partnership noted Anne Follin's declaration of 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 19 December 2014 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

4. Committee minutes

The minutes (issued) of the undernoted committees were noted, subject to the 'P' paragraphs contained in the Strategy and Programmes Committee minute which were approved:-

- (1) Chair's Committee of 30 December 2014;
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- (2) Operations Committee of 23 January 2015; and
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- (3) Strategy & Programmes Committee of 30 January 2015.
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5. Membership update

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

- (1) the appointment by South Lanarkshire Council of Councillor Allan Falconer to replace Councillor Chris Thomson; and
- (2) the appointment by North Lanarkshire Council of Councillor Frank McNally to replace Councillor David Fagan.

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The Partnership noted the position and agreed that both members be appointed to the committees on which their predecessors had served.

6. Proposed Capital Programme 2015/2016 to 2017/2018 including the Capital Budget 2015/2016

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With reference to the minute of the Strategy & Programmes Committee (page 2, paragraph 6) when that committee had considered and noted

- (1) the progress made to ensure that the proposed capital plan for 2015/2016 to 2017/2018 was robust and deliverable within the timescales and funding available; and
- (2) that the 2015/2016 capital plan would be submitted to a future Partnership meeting for approval,

there was submitted a report (issued) of 29 January 2015 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support)

- (a) reminding members
 - (i) that, although SPT had prepared a programme covering the period 2015/2016 to 2017/2018, no funding information for years 2 or 3 was known at this stage; and
 - (ii) that approval was being sought only for the capital programme, budget and funding plan for 2015/2016;
- (b) appending
 - (i) a summary of the planned capital programme for 2015/2016 to 2017/2018 and proposed funding plan for 2015/2016;
 - (ii) details of the proposed capital programme, including budget, for 2015/2016;
 - (iii) details of the indicative capital programme for 2016/2017 and 2017/2018; and
 - (iv) details of the proposed Grant Awards to local authorities and other organisations for 2015/2016;
- (c) informing members
 - (i) that, as SPT had received a general capital grant award for 2015/2016 of £21.9m which was slightly lower than financial year 2014/2015 and less than the average award in recent years, there had been an agreed revenue contribution to the capital programme of £2.5m to maintain investment levels, in particular the grant funded projects with Local Authorities and other partners;
 - (ii) that of the general capital award, £6m per annum was ring-fenced to support the subway modernisation works, with additional spend on this project being funded either through the subway modernisation fund or borrowings;
 - (iii) that in preparation for the introduction of new rolling stock, the subway infrastructure works programme would increase significantly in 2015/2016 and this would be funded by a planned transfer of £4m from Unapplied Capital Grants;

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- (iv) that, although a further £5m would be allocated to the Fastlink project to conclude a prior year funding swap, this would be offset by the planned transfer of an additional £5m from Unapplied Capital Grants; and
- (v) that SPT had been successful also in securing a European grant in support of the Fastlink project and a contribution of up to £0.317m from Glasgow City Council for the Robroyston Station Development project;
- (d) summarising the proposed capital programme, budget and funding for 2015/2016 as outlined at table 1 below and the indicative programme for 2016/2017 and 2017/2018 as outlined at table 2:-

Table 1	2015/16 £000
Category 1 Programme	78,441
Funded by:	
General Capital Allocation	15,900
Subway Modernisation (ring-fenced portion of general allocation)	6,000
Contribution from Subway Modernisation Fund / Borrowing Requirement	27,800
Specific Capital Grant - Fastlink	10,540
ERDF - Fastlink	360
Transfer from Unapplied Capital Grants	9,000
Glasgow City Council Contribution – Robroyston Station Development	317
Revenue Contribution to the Capital Programme	2,500
Available capital funding	72,417
Projected variance	-6,024
	2015/16 £000
Category 2 Programme	10,150

Table 2	2016/17 £000	2017/18 £000
Category 1 Programme	86,425	70,770
Category 2 Programme	17,685	11,305

- (e) explaining
- (i) that the preparation of the capital programme for 2015/2016 to 2017/2018 had sought to balance the transport project delivery aspirations and the available funding;
- (ii) that project proposals had been assessed against SPT's strategic priorities and for deliverability and affordability; and

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- (iii) that movements in project delivery in 2014/2015 would be reported at the earliest opportunity and accommodated in the 2015/2016 programme; and
- (f) recommending that the Partnership
 - (i) approve the capital programme, budget and funding plan for 2015/2016;
 - (ii) note the indicative plans for 2016/2017 and 2017/2018;
 - (iii) approve the award of grant funding to the Local Authorities or other identified bodies as per Appendix 4 to the report; and
 - (iv) authorise the Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support) to complete the award letters in order to expedite the projects.

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

7. South Glasgow University Hospitals and Royal Hospital for Sick Children - SPT support for NHSGGC transport arrangements

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 30 January 2015 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) reminding members that SPT continued to work in support of NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde (NHSGGC) and Glasgow City Council (GCC) regarding transport for the new South Glasgow University Hospitals and Royal Hospital for Sick Children (SGUH) complex, the phased opening of which would commence in late April 2015;
- (2) providing an update on current SPT activity regarding support for the provision of transport for the SGUH complex including funding, bus services and infrastructure, Fastlink, Subway modernisation, Hospital Evening Visitor Service, Integrated Transport Hub and Travel Demand Management; and
- (3) intimating
 - (a) that SPT officers continued to convene a weekly meeting with GCC and NHSGGC to address any issues regarding transport for the SGUH complex;
 - (b) that these meetings continued to provide a useful, constructive forum for progressing actions and agreeing timescales and would continue as necessary until the SGUH complex fully opened; and
 - (c) that a meeting had taken place between the Chair and senior officers of SPT and representatives from GCC and NHSGGC regarding progress on access and parking for the complex.

Thereon, Mr Bill McDowell, Project Technical Co-Ordinator, SPT, was introduced to members and gave a presentation on the problems surrounding the western approach to the SGUH complex together with the solutions considered to protect public transport from the effects of congestion. Following discussion on both the report and presentation and having heard various officers in answer to members' questions, the Partnership

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- (i) agreed to support the western approach link road, as outlined in the presentation, as the preferred option to support the movement of public transport into and around the SGUH; and
- (ii) otherwise noted the terms of the report.

8. Proposed award of contracts

After consideration of reports (issued) of 19 and 22 January 2015 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations), the Partnership approved the award of the following contracts:-

Contract	Contractor	Amount	Remarks
Subway Modernisation Station Refurbishment Works: -Buchanan Street Station Click here to view report	Graham Construction	£3,168,375.63	Most economically advantageous tender
Subway Ramps & Turnouts Renewal Click here to view report	Colas Rail	£5,040,413 plus an allowance for risk and contingency for the scope of works tendered together with an additional £500,000 per annum for call off specialist support for the duration of the contract	Most economically advantageous tender

9. Register of Contracts Awarded and Variations

The Partnership noted that the Register of Contracts Awarded and Variations for the period 1 October to 31 December 2014 was available for inspection after the meeting.