

## **Strathclyde Partnership for Transport**

### **Minute of meeting**

**19 December 2014**

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 19 December 2014**

**Present** Councillors Jim Coleman (Chair), Malcolm Balfour, Tony Buchanan, Gilbert Davidson, Eddie Devine, Bill Grant, Kaye Harmon, Chris Kelly, Alan Moir, Pauline McKeever, Denis McKenna, Lawrence O'Neill, Hamish Stewart, Paul Welsh and David Wilson and appointed members Ann Faulds, Anne Follin, Alan Malcolm and Jim McNally.

**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 Bruce Kiloh, Head of Policy & Planning.

**Also attending** Councillor Charlie Gilbert.

### **1. Apologies**

Apologies were submitted from Councillors John Bruce and Bobby McDill and appointed members Tom Hart, Graham Johnston, Niall McGrogan and Gavin Scott.

### **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 employer's role in relation to SPT's interest in a property; and
- (2) Anne Follin declared an interest in respect of her planning advisory role for Aecom in relation to Fastlink.

### **3. Chair's statement**

The Chair referred to recent press reports in relation to the award of contracts for bus services and the role of an SPT officer in that process.

He informed members that he was satisfied that the governance arrangements in respect of the officer's registration of interest in relation to bus contracts had been met.

Mrs Davidson further informed the Partnership that the Governance Manual was reviewed regularly, with the next planned review to be concluded mid 2015, after which an updated version would be distributed at a future Partnership meeting.

### **4. Minute of previous meeting**

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The minute of the meeting of 7 November 2014 was submitted and approved as a correct record subject to the inclusion of Councillor Chris Kelly in the list of those attending and Councillor Lawrence O'Neill in the list of apologies.

Arising from the minute (page 3, paragraph 11), the Partnership agreed that an update be provided by the Chief Executive at the end of the meeting.

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## 5. Committee minutes

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

- (1) Operations Committee of 14 November 2014;  
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- (2) Personnel Appeals Sub-Committee of 27 November 2014;  
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- (3) Strategy & Programmes Committee of 28 November 2014;  
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- (4) Audit & Standards Committee of 28 November 2014; and  
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- (5) Chairs Committee of 28 November 2014.  
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## 6. Membership update

Mrs Davidson advised members that one of South Lanarkshire Council's representatives on the Partnership, Councillor Chris Thompson, had intimated his resignation with effect from 10 November 2014.

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

## 7. Glasgow Queen Street Station Redevelopment - SPT response to Part 2 Consultation by Network Rail

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With reference to the minute of 9 May 2014 (page 6, paragraph 12) when the Partnership had approved the principles of SPT's response to Part 1 of Network Rail's (NR) consultation on the proposed redevelopment of Glasgow Queen Street Station (GQSS), there was submitted a report (issued) of 5 December 2014 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) intimating that part 2 of NR's consultation, which had begun on 1 October 2014 and would run until 23 December 2014, was being undertaken as part of the required process to apply for a Transport and Works (Scotland) Order (TAWs) to acquire the powers and permissions to undertake the work;
- (2) appending SPT's draft response to Part 2 of the GQSS redevelopment consultation; and
- (3) informing members that with regard to the wider developments occurring in the Buchanan Quarter area of the city centre (including EGIP and associated works, and the redevelopment of Buchanan Galleries), SPT continued to have concerns about any potentially negative cumulative or elemental impacts of these proposals (e.g. on the road/bus network) and officers would continue to seek to influence and engage with all relevant partners through the Queen Street Area Passenger Forum to mitigate concerns and maximise the benefits to the travelling public.

After consideration and having heard Mr Kiloh in amplification of the report, the Partnership approved the draft response, subject to strengthening some of the text contained within the response.

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**8. South Glasgow University Hospitals and Royal Hospital for Sick Children: SPT support for NHSGGC transport arrangements – update**

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 5 December 2014 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;
- (2) providing an update on current SPT activity regarding support for the provision of transport for the SGUH;
- (3) intimating that NHSGGC had confirmed that funding through a Section 75 Agreement for public transport enhancements for the new complex had been capped at £2.325m over 3 years. In addition, a further £175,000 contribution from Glasgow City Council's successful Bus Investment Fund bid was available; and
- (4) informing members
  - (a) that, with around 5 months until the phased opening of the new complex commenced, there remained many issues regarding transport to be resolved; and
  - (b) that although officers would continue to work in support of NHSGGC and GCC to ensure that, where possible and within the financial envelope available from the Section 75 agreement, appropriate transport was in place to support transport to / from the SGUH, the likelihood remained that, due to the restricted finances available, there might be a significant gap between public and political expectation and the reality of the improved services likely to be on offer at hospital opening.

After considerable discussion and having heard Messrs Stewart and Maclennan in answer to members' questions, the Partnership noted the terms of the report.

**9. Subway modernisation – Progress update**

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There was submitted and noted a report (issued) of 27 November 2014 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 May 2014, particularly in relation to
  - (a) the current procurement phase (Invitation to Submit Detailed Solutions) for the new trains, signalling and control system, which had been extended to 12 December 2014;
  - (b) the station refurbishment works, which were progressing well with designs complete for Govan and Buchanan Street stations;
  - (c) the implementation of new escalators recently installed at St. Enoch station;
  - (d) cables for the traction system (between the substation and track) which had now been replaced at Kinning Park, Cowcaddens, Bridge Street and Broomloan Yard; and
  - (e) the main works contracts for infrastructure asset renewal (replacement tunnel pumping stations, ramps and turnouts and tunnel lining works) which had been tendered and were at various stages of the award process; and

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- (2) explaining that, as part of the wider programme of activities for Subway modernisation,
- (a) the refurbishment of the accommodation and depot facilities at Broomloan had been completed; and
- (b) all work streams were within the timescale for completion and budget.

## 10. Proposed award of contracts

After consideration of reports (issued) of 27 November and 2, 4 and 10 December 2014 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations), the Partnership approved the award of the following contracts:-

Contract	Contractor	Amount	Remarks
Subway subsurface chainage system replacement <a href="#">Click here to view report</a>	Malcolm Hughes Land Surveyors Ltd	£483,175 plus an additional £25,000 allowance for the inclusion of Radio Frequency Identification technology	Most economically advantageous tender
Subway modernisation infrastructure: tunnel lining improvements <a href="#">Click here to view report</a>	Freyssinet Ltd	£16,760,427 plus £350,000 per annum for call off small scale repair support for the duration of the contract	Most economically advantageous tender
Manufacture and supply of rail for Subway <a href="#">Click here to view report</a>	Voestalpine Schienen GmbH	£1,099,780 over 3 year period	Lowest tenderer
Subway train car cleaning contract <a href="#">Click here to view report</a>	Churchill	£478,869 for 3 years wef 1 April 2015 with the option to extend for a further 1 or 2 years subject to satisfactory performance	Most economically advantageous tender
Extension to advertising contract <a href="#">Click here to view report</a>	Primesight	Current contract based on generating a guaranteed revenue sum of £2.55m over a 3 year period which would increase to £4.25m over the course of 5 years	Extension to contract from April 2015 to March 2017 subject to satisfactory performance

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**11. Framework for Learning and Development provision – Health & Safety Lots**[Click here to view report](#)

With reference to the minute 21 February 2014 (page 3, paragraph 6,) when the Partnership had

- (1) approved a framework for the provision of learning and development activities to SPT for a period of 3 years; and
- (2) noted that no awards had been recommended for Lots 2c (specialised safety training working at height) and 2d (general health and safety training) due to an insufficient number of compliant tenders and that these Lots would be re-tendered,

there was submitted and approved a report (issued) of 4 December 2014 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support)

- (a) informing members that, in addition to Lots 2c and 2d, two further Lots had been identified as being required, 2e (confined space training) and 2f (railway engineering and associated training);
- (b) outlining the tender assessment procedure for a proposed panel of external training providers to be appointed to the existing framework for Lots 2c – 2f with effect from January 2014 to 31 March 2017, the end date of the remainder of the framework; and
- (c) recommending that the following providers be included in the SPT framework for the provision of learning and development activities for the Lots as indicated-

<b>Company</b>	<b>Lot(s)</b>
National Construction College	2c, 2e
Total Access	2c, 2e
Sibbald	2c, 2d, 2e
HSS Training	2c, 2e
Luddon	2d
MetTech Ltd	2d
Mine Rescue Service	2e
Performance Development Ltd	2f
Bridgeway Consulting Ltd	2f

**12. Exclusion of press and public**

The Partnership resolved that the press and public be excluded for the next item 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.

**13. Proposal to sell Consort House and acquire replacement office premises**

Mr MacLennan advised the Partnership on progress with regard to the acquisition of a replacement building as detailed at the previous meeting, highlighting issues which had been identified which, after further investigation, had led to a situation whereby the previous recommendation to proceed had not been considered the best way forward. In the meantime, a further suitable Glasgow City Centre building had become available to the market, and matched the previously agreed criteria. After discussion, and after due consideration of the financial

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assessments discussed at the meeting, the Partnership agreed to proceed to acquire this latter building as proposed and presented at the meeting, noting the positive financial contribution that would be available to support the capital plan and the reduced risk to time delays as a result of this action.