

## **Strathclyde Partnership for Transport**

### **Minute of meeting**

**24 April 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 24 April 2015**

**Present** Councillors Jim Coleman (Chair), Malcolm Balfour, Tony Buchanan, Margaret Cooper (substitute), Gilbert Davidson, Eddie Devine, Bill Grant, Kaye Harmon, Chris Kelly, Alan Moir, Robert G Macintyre, Pauline McKeever, Denis McKenna, 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, Niall McGrogan and Gavin Scott.

**Attending** Valerie Davidson, Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support/Secretary); 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; Ronnie Park, Director of Bus Operations and Bruce Kiloh, Head of Policy and Planning.

### **1. Apologies**

Apologies were submitted from Councillors Jim Buchanan (substitute), Allan Falconer and Bobby McDill.

### **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 13 February 2015 was submitted and approved as a correct record, subject to the inclusion of Councillor Lawrence O'Neill in the list of apologies.

### **4. Committee minutes**

The minutes (issued) of the undernoted committees were noted, subject to the 'P' paragraphs contained in the Operations Committee minute which members noted had been approved at the Chair's Committee on 13 March 2015:-

- (1) Operations Committee of 13 March 2015;  
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- (2) Chair's Committee of 13 March 2015;  
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- (3) Strategy & Programmes Committee of 27 March 2015; and  
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- (4) Audit and Standards Committee of 27 March 2015.  
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### **5. South Glasgow Hospitals: SPT support for NHSGGC transport arrangements - update**

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 23 March 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

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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, Travel Demand Management and Communications;
- (3) intimating
  - (a) that, in addition to the previously convened working group of officers who met to address any issues which might arise for transport to the SGUH complex, a Senior Officers Forum had been convened to meet on a fortnightly basis with GCC and NHSGGC in the lead-in to the complex opening; and
  - (b) that SPT officers were engaged in a number of issues, including
    - finalising arrangements for bus access to Arrival Square (the SGUH transport hub);
    - training of NHSGGC staff for the 'transport shop' located within the SGUH building;
    - ascertaining the need for and costs of marshalling of Arrival Square at the request of NHSGGC; and
    - working with NHSGGC and GCC colleagues on issues such as information provision at bus stops, real time information, stance allocation, park and ride, traffic signalling/priority, parking issues and travel planning; and
  - (c) appending a summary list of bus services confirmed to begin operation on or before 11 May 2015; and
- (4) advising members that officers continued to seek progress on many issues in advance of the SGUH complex fully opening in order to ensure appropriate transport provision was in place and that this information would be provided to the Partnership.

After consideration and having heard various officers in answer to members' questions, the committee noted the terms of the report.

## **6. Additional item**

In terms of Standing Order no 3.2, the committee agreed to consider the following additional item of business.

## **7. Bus Services to the South Glasgow Hospitals**

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There was submitted a report (tabled) of 22 April 2015 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) reminding members that to assist in the development of a network of bus services to the SGUH complex, SPT had, over recent months, made bus operators aware of the potential commercial opportunity the campus presented, given the significant staff and patient transport requirements associated with it;

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- (2) intimating
- (a) that whilst the development of bus services was clearly welcome, NHSGGC had highlighted a number of perceived gaps in the overall network of bus services to the SGUH complex; and
  - (b) that, although the work done by SPT thus far had been designed to encourage commercial initiatives as far as possible in order to make the most effective use of the limited funding available for supported bus services to the site, it had always been anticipated that the commercial market might not provide the full complement of services necessary for a comprehensive set of transport links to the SGUH complex;
- (3) advising members
- (a) that in line with the agreed approach, s75 funding associated with the development of the SGUH complex would be used to introduce or enhance bus services in those areas identified as requiring action;
  - (b) that a tendering exercise had been undertaken by SPT, on behalf of NHSGGC, in this regard in an attempt to provide 'kick-start' support to enable the bus services in question to become self-sustaining in the longer term; and
  - (c) that although applications had been invited in respect of three distinct corridors/areas as undernoted, bus companies had been free to offer applications for other routes:
    - NS001 Castlemilk – Battlefield – Shawlands – SGH;
    - NS002 Summerston – Maryhill – Partick - Clyde Tunnel – SGH; and
    - NS003 Drumchapel – Anniesland – Clyde Tunnel – SGH;
- (4) informing members that, following analysis and discussion with NHSGGC, it had been determined that the best value applications had come in the form of optional packaged proposals by First Glasgow for the above named routes; and
- (5) recommending that the Partnership agree to the award of the undernoted contracts to First Glasgow in the sum of £2,488,649 with the condition that the final year of operation on each would be provided by First Glasgow on a fully commercial basis:
- NS001 for period 10 May 2015 to 4 May 2019;
  - NS002 for period 19 July 2015 – 13 July 2019;
  - NS003 for period 19 July 2015 – 13 July 2019.

Following considerable discussion and having heard various officers in answer to members' questions, the Partnership approved the recommendation at (5) above.

## 8. **Public Procurement: A consultation on changes to the Public Procurement Rules in Scotland**

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

- (1) intimating that the Scottish Government was currently consulting on proposals to make changes to the public procurement rules in Scotland which had arisen from three new EU Directives concerned with Public Procurement, Concessions and Utilities contracts;

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- (2) informing members that although SPT was broadly supportive of the changes, a balance needed to be struck to ensure that the procurement process did not become unduly bureaucratic, unduly prescriptive or offer less flexibility and discretion for purchasers and suppliers. SPT had also called for a change in legislation to enable it to promote directly community benefits as part of contract specifications;
- (3) explaining that SPT had drawn attention also to the current onerous arrangements for procuring bus services in Scotland;
- (4) appending SPT's draft response, attached at Appendix 1 to the report; and
- (5) recommending approval of SPT's draft response.

After consideration, the committee approved SPT's proposed response to the Scottish Government consultation on Changes to the Public Procurement Rules in Scotland.

## **9. Meeting the Public Sector Equality Duty- Progress report 2013 – 2015**

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With reference to the minute of 15 February 2013 (page 4, paragraph 9) when the Partnership had approved the publication of the 'Advancing Equality' report which had set out how SPT met the public sector legislation ('the Equality Duties') regarding the advancement of equality, elimination of discrimination and the promotion of good relations, there was submitted a report (issued) of 23 March 2015 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support),

- (1) reminding members that SPT had a statutory obligation to comply with the legislation and to publish information about progress made in relation to equalities;
- (2) intimating that the 'Advancing Equality Progress Report 2013-2015', attached at Appendix 1 to the report, demonstrated that SPT had made good progress over the last 2 years and had a good platform to build on for future progress;
- (3) highlighting SPT's Equality Outcomes as published in the report and providing examples from the report of SPT's progress; and
- (4) informing members that officers would continue to pursue activities towards the key themes of Advancing Equality and would provide progress reports to the Partnership in future in this regard.

After consideration and having heard Mr Kiloh in answer to members' questions, the Partnership

- (a) approved the report "Advancing Equality Progress Report 2013-2015" for publication on SPT's website; and
- (b) otherwise noted the terms of the report.

## **10. Proposed award of contracts - Subway**

After consideration of reports (issued) of 23 and 25 March 2015 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations), the Partnership approved the award of the following contracts:-

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Contract	Contractor(s)	Amount	Remarks
Subway existing trains: Overhaul of (1) traction motors; and (2) camshaft controllers <a href="#">Click here to view report</a>	Brush Traction Holbro Engineering	Up to £237,860 £263,092	Most economically advantageous tenders. Traction motors contract based on call off basis up to maximum of 144 units. All 68 existing camshaft controllers to be replaced
Subway track furniture components <a href="#">Click here to view report</a>	Pandrol UK Ltd	Up to £929,845 for initial 3 year contract with an option to extend for a further 24 months subject to supplier performance and annual pricing review	—

#### 11. UITP Congress 2015

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After consideration of a report (issued) of 16 April 2015 by the Chief Executive on proposed attendance at the UITP World Congress and Mobility & City Transport Exhibition in Milan, scheduled to take place between 8 and 10 June 2015, the Partnership

- (1) authorised the attendance of the Chief Executive and the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations) at an estimated cost of £845 per person for travel and accommodation and £1,350 per person entry fee to the Congress; and
- (2) noted that the outcomes and benefits would be reported back to a future meeting.

#### 12. Register of Contracts Awarded and Variations

The Partnership noted that the Register of Contracts Awarded and Variations for the period 1 January to 31 March 2015 was available for inspection after the meeting.