

Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Minute of meeting

17 September 2021

held via Video Conference

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Minute of the meeting of the Strathclyde Partnership for Transport held via Video Conference at 11am on 17 September 2021

Present Councillors Dr Martin Bartos (Chair), Malcolm Balfour (Agenda Item 5 only), Colin Cameron, Ian Cochrane, Maureen Devlin, Jim Finn, Jim Fletcher, Willie Goldie, Graham Hardie, Alan Moir, Jim McGuigan (Substitute), Marie McGurk, Michael McPake (until Agenda Item 8), Richard Nelson, Donald Reid, Anna Richardson (until Agenda Item 10), Jim Roberts and David Wilson and appointed members Greg Beecroft, Jenna Dickson, Graham Johnston (until Agenda Item 9), Ed McGrachan (until Agenda Item 10) and Andrew Walters (until Agenda Item 10).

Attending Valerie Davidson, Acting Chief Executive (apart from Agenda Item 5), Neil Wylie, Director of Finance; Antony Smith, Director of Subway; Bruce Kiloh, Head of Policy & Planning; Gordon Dickson, Head of Bus Strategy & Delivery; Andrea Thompson, Media & Public Affairs Manager; Jim Griffin, Depute Partnership Secretary and Janice Morgan, Head of HR.

Chair's Remarks

Partnership Standing Order No 14 requires the agreement of the Partnership to record meetings. The Chair sought and the Partnership agreed for the recording of SPT Partnership and Committee video conference meetings to commence.

1. Apologies

Apologies were submitted from Councillors Richard Bell, Graham Campbell and David Shearer and appointed members Anne Follin, George Hazel and Jim McNally.

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

Councillor Cameron declared an interest in Agenda Item 10 as a current SPT nominated Board member of Nevis Technologies Ltd. Appointed members Ed McGrachan and Andrew Walters confirmed they would not be present for Agenda Item 10.

3. Minute of previous meeting

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The minute of the meeting of 18 June 2021 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

4. Committee Minutes

The minutes (issued) of the undernoted committees were noted and approved as an accurate record:

- (a) Personnel Appeals Sub-Committee of 16 June 2021;
- (b) Operations Committee of 20 August 2021;
- (c) Partnership (sole agenda item meeting) of 20 August 2021;
- (d) Strategy & Programmes Committee of 27 August 2021, with the Partnership approving the capital programme amendment of the £200,000 Ravenscraig Active Travel Link; and

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(e) Audit & Standards Committee of 27 August 2021.

5. Chief Executive Appointment

Valerie Davidson, Acting Chief Executive left the meeting for this item

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 31 August 2021 by the Depute Partnership Secretary advising the Partnership of the process required to support the appointment of a Chief Executive.

After extensive discussion from both elected and appointed members, specifically related to the role of appointed members in terms of the approved standing orders and the formation of a Recruitment Committee, the Partnership considered:

- (i) the process for appointment of a Chief Executive, including the establishment of a Recruitment Committee made up of 7 elected members;
- (ii) the recruitment committee being tasked with making a recommendation to the Partnership on the preferred candidate for the role.

Following discussion, having heard the Chair's suggestion that the Recruitment Committee might comprise the Partnership Chair as Recruitment Committee Chair along with the Chairs of Strategy & Programmes, Operations and Audit & Standards Committees each one nominating another elected member, and having discussed means by which all board members could be engaged as well as having heard that the larger elected member groups had considered the issues of geographic spread of local authority representation as well as political and gender representation, Councillor Balfour moved, seconded by Councillor Wilson, that a Recruitment Committee of 7 elected members be appointed, with Councillor Bartos (Chair), Councillor Moir, Councillor Devlin, Councillor Wilson, Cllr Balfour, Cllr McGurk and Councillor Jim Roberts. This motion was approved by the Partnership.

6. Annual Accounts 2020/21

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 1 September 2021 by the Director of Finance recommending the Partnership consider the audited annual accounts and approve them for signature, noting the annual accounts are required to be signed no later than 30 September immediately following the financial year end.

After hearing from Mr Wylie, the Partnership approved the signing of the Partnership financial statements for the year ending 31 March 2021, with Councillor McGurk thanking Mr Wylie and his team for their exceptional work.

7. SPT Annual Report 2020/2021

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 30 August 2021 by the Acting Chief Executive recommending the Partnership consider and approve the final draft of the SPT 2020/2021 Annual Report, subject to final comments received from members prior to the report being published.

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After hearing from Mr Wylie and Ms Thompson in response to members' questions, the Partnership approved the proposed final draft SPT 2020/2021 Annual Report, subject to members' final comments being considered for inclusion.

8. Regional Transport Strategy Update

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 24 August 2021 by the Acting Chief Executive

- (i) providing an update to the Partnership on the progress of development of the new Regional Transport Strategy (RTS);
- (ii) providing an update on current stages of RTS development, including the completion of the Case for Change stage, and development of the RTS Option Groups; and
- (iii) recommending approval of proposed actions arising from the current stages noted above.

After hearing from Mr Kiloh in response to members' questions, specifically on the difficulty of ensuring that community councils are engaged in the process, the Partnership:

- (i) noted the report;
- (ii) noted the update on current stages of RTS development, including the completion of the Case for Change stage, and development of the RTS Option Groups; and
- (iii) approved the proposed actions noted in section 3 arising from the current stages noted above.

9. 26th United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) – SPT progress update – presentation

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 6 September 2021 by the Acting Chief Executive outlining the content of a presentation to be given to the current meeting on SPT progress in relation to preparations for the 26th United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) to be held in Glasgow from 31 October - 12 November 2021.

After hearing from Mr Kiloh, Mr Dickson and Mr Smith in response to members' questions following the presentation and noting in particular that the Subway would have extended opening hours during COP26, the Partnership noted the report.

10. Member Appointments to Nevis Technologies Ltd

Councillor Cameron and appointed members Ed McGrachan and Andrew Walters, having expressed an interest at the start of the meeting, left the meeting for this item.

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 31 August 2021 by the Acting Chief Executive recommending the Partnership approve the appointment of two appointed members to the Board of Nevis Technologies Ltd (NTL) in the capacity of Non-Executive Board members on behalf of SPT.

After hearing from Mr Griffin, the Partnership agreed the two nominations of appointed members Ed McGrachan and Andrew Walters to the NTL Board.