
SOUTH WEST OF SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP

Meeting of Friday 11 September 2015
at 10.30am at Moffat Town Hall, Moffat

Present

Members

Tom McAughtrie (Chairman)	-	Dumfries and Galloway Council
Ian Carruthers (Substitute)	-	Dumfries and Galloway Council
Marion McCutcheon	-	Dumfries and Galloway Council
Alistair McKinnon	-	External Member
Denis Male	-	Dumfries and Galloway Council
John Syme	-	Dumfries and Galloway Council

Officials and Advisers

Douglas Kirkpatrick	-	Service Manager (Sustainable Travel)
Claire Rogerson	-	Secretary to the Board
Harry Thomson	-	Lead Officer

Apologies

David Bryson (Vice– Chairman)	-	External Member
Richard Brodie	-	Dumfries and Galloway Council

Observers

June Hay	-	Outdoor Access Forum
Hugh McCreadie	-	Lochside & Woodlands Community Council
Ian Walker	-	Accessible Transport Forum
Graham Whiteley		

1. SEDERUNT AND APOLOGIES

6 Members present, 2 apologies **NOTING** that Richard Brodie had advised that Ian Carruthers was attending in his place given that Jim McColm, his named substitute, was unable to attend.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

NONE declared

3. MINUTES OF MEETING ON 26 JUNE 2015**Decision**

APPROVED

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4. REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2015/16**Decision**

The Board **NOTED** the forecast outturn on budget as at 31 August 2015.

5. REPORT BY EXTERNAL AUDIT ON THE 2014/15 AUDIT OF SOUTH WEST SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP**Decision**

The Board:-

5.1 **RECEIVED** the external auditors report on the 2014/15 audit

NOTED

5.2 that no issues have been identified in the course of the audit which have impacted on the fairness of the financial statements submitted for audit; and

5.3 that the certified accounts will be certified by the Treasurer and PWC after the meeting.

6. SWESTRANS CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAMME 2015-16 UPDATE

Decision

The Board:-

6.1 **NOTED** the update on the Capital Programme for 2015/16 as outlined in the report;

6.2 **AGREED** the allocation of £105,000 to the purchase of accessible buses

NOTED

6.3. the intended spend on the bus infrastructure; and

6.4 the recommended reprofiling of the SWestrans Capital Programme by £423,530 into 2016/17.

7. SERVICE REVIEW OF SWESTRANS

Decision

The Board:-

7.1 **NOTED** the delay in the planned completion of the service review of SWestrans; and

7.2 **AGREED** to postpone the meeting scheduled for 23 October 2015 to consider the outcome of the Service Review

8. DEVELOP TO DELIVER – REPORT OF SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT / REGIONAL TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIPS/ COSLA WORKING GROUP

Decision

The Board formally **ENDORSED** the report “ Develop to Deliver – Maximising the role of RTPs in furthering improvements to transport in Scotland” and the recommendations contained therein, as a framework and focus for progressing further development of effective partnership working between Scottish Government, Transport Scotland and the Regional Transport Partnerships.

9. “TRANSPORT FOR REGIONAL GROWTH” CONFERENCE**Decision**

The Board **APPROVED** attendance at the Transport for Regional Growth Conference on 5 November 2015 in Edinburgh and **AGREED** that the Chairman would attend with an officer to support.

10. RESHAPING LOCAL BUS SERVICES – OPENING CONVERSATION**Decision**

The Board:-

10.1 **NOTED** the content of the letter sent by the Chairman to the Minister for Transport and the Isles regarding the need for greater flexibility in the use of local authority assets and services to support socially necessary bus services; and

10.2 **AGREED** to hold a seminar in November 2015 to discuss the likely shape of future socially necessary transport arrangements across Dumfries and Galloway, as outlined within the report.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST – Marion McCutcheon declared an interest in the following item by virtue of the fact that her husband works for Scotrail but determined having received governance advice, that there was no need to leave the meeting.

11. GLASGOW – STRANRAER RAIL SERVICES DECEMBER 2015**Decision**

The Board **NOTED**

11.1 the final timetable passed to the Lead Officer, and that it conforms to the specified Priced Option, in so far as services to and from Stranraer are concerned;

11.2 that the Lead Officer has raised the issue of services to and from Prestwick Airport, and consultation on future timetable changes with Scotrail;

11.3 the significant input of the SAYLSA Development Manager to the process; and

11.4 **AGREED** to receive a further report on the review of the Service 350 bus timetable at the next meeting.

12. SAYLSA THE COMMUNITY RAIL PARTNERSHIP FOR CARRICK AND WIGTOWNSHIRE

Decision

The Board **NOTED**

12.1 the completion of the draft Medium Term Business Plan for SAYLSA, and that this is being reviewed by the Executive Sub Committee for prioritisation of actions;

12.2 the position in terms of potential funding sources for the Community Rail Partnership; and

12.3 **AGREED** that the Lead Officer would continue to provide advice to the Chairman (and his agreed substitute) as the Regional Transport Partnership's representative on the Board of SAYLSA.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN MAY DECIDE IS URGENT DUE TO THE NEED FOR A DECISION

Decision

The Board **NOTED** that there was no business deemed urgent by the Chairman due to the need for a decision.

PROCEDURE - The Board **AGREED** to consider the following item of business in private and exclude the press, members of the public and Observers from the meeting given that the report contained confidential or exempt information as defined by the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973

14. LOCAL BUS SERVICES – AWARD OF CONTRACTS

Summary of the Report – To update the Board on the outcome of contract awards, following the termination of contracts as agreed by the Board on 26 June 2015.

Decision

The Board **HOMOLOGATED** the decision of the Lead Officer, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman to agree the award of two contracts with effect from 17 August 2015.

15. LOCAL BUS SERVICES – OPERATOR QUALITY ISSUES

Summary of the Report – To update the Board on the level of service provided on local bus contract provided by a bus operator.

Decision

The Board **NOTED** the issue of a final Improvement Notice to a bus operator due to service quality issues.