
SOUTH WEST OF SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP

Meeting of Friday 23 September 2016
at 10.30am at McMillan Hall, Dashwood Square, Newton Stewart

Present

Members

Tom McAughtrie (Chairman)	-	Dumfries and Galloway Council
Richard Brodie	-	Dumfries and Galloway Council
Archie Dryburgh (Substitute)	-	Dumfries and Galloway Council
Denis Male	-	Dumfries and Galloway Council

Officials and Advisers

Josef Coombey	-	Policy & Projects Officer
Douglas Kirkpatrick	-	Lead Officer
Claire Rogerson	-	Secretary to the Board
Janet Sutton	-	Finance Officer

Apologies

David Bryson (Vice-Chairman)	-	NHS Dumfries and Galloway
Marion McCutcheon	-	Dumfries and Galloway Council
Alistair McKinnon	-	Scottish Enterprise
John Syme	-	Dumfries and Galloway Council

Observers

June Hay	-	Outdoor Access Forum
Sharon Ogilvie	-	Dumfries and Galloway Third Sector Interface
Hugh McCreadie	-	Lochside & Woodlands Community Council
Fraser Smith	-	Stagecoach Scotland
Graham Whiteley		

1. SEDERUNT AND APOLOGIES

4 Members present including Archie Dryburgh who was substituting for John Syme, 4 apologies.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

NONE declared.

3. MINUTES OF MEETING ON 15 JULY 2016**Decision**

APPROVED.

4. REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2016/17 FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31 AUGUST 2016**Decision**

The Board **NOTED** the forecast outturn for the revenue budget as at 31 August 2016.

5. REPORT BY EXTERNAL AUDIT ON THE 2015/16 AUDIT OF SOUTH WEST SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP**Decision**

The Board:-

5.1 **RECEIVED** the external auditors' report on the 2015/16 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 audited accounts will be certified by the Treasurer and PWC after this meeting.

6. SWESTRANS CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAMME 2016/17 - UPDATE**Decision**

The Board:-

6.1 **NOTED** the update on the Capital Programme for 2016/17 as outlined in the report; and

6.2 **AGREED** the addition of Leswalt High Road, Stranraer to the bus shelter programme;

6.3 **NOTED** the concerns raised on the location of the bus shelter in Springholm and **FURTHER AGREED** that a full appraisal of possible options be undertaken and reported to a future meeting.

7. TRANSPORT SUMMIT

Copies of the draft Dumfries and Galloway Transport Summit Report (**Appendix**) published by Transport Scotland were tabled at the meeting and distributed to those present.

Decision

The Board **NOTED**:-

7.1 the draft Dumfries and Galloway Transport Summit Report (**Appendix**); and

7.2 the intention to submit a response to the draft Dumfries and Galloway Transport Summit Report.

8. NATIONAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY REVIEW

Decision

The Board **NOTED** the announcement by the Transport Minister of a full review of the National Transport Strategy.

9. REGIONAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY REFRESH UPDATE

Decision

The Board :-

9.1 **NOTED** the impact the National Transport Strategy review will have on the refresh of the Regional Transport Strategy.

AGREED

9.2 to undertake the steps “Production of a Main Issues Report” and “ Consultation period on Main Issues Report” during the remaining period of this Board; and

9.3 to undertake a refresh of the projects within the Delivery Plan from the outcome of the Man Issues Report and consultation.

10. CYCLING ACTION PLAN FOR SCOTLAND (CAPS) PROGRESS REPORT

Decision

The Board **NOTED** the publication of the “Cycling Scotland: The Second CAPS Progress Report.”

11. RAIL UPDATE

Decision

The Board **NOTED**:-

11.1 the recent publication of Network Rail’s Scotland Route Study;

11.2 the recent discussions with the Dumfries Railway Group and the intention to engage further; and

11.3 the Scottish Government’s commitment to examine the case for extending the Borders Railway to Carlisle; and the inclusion of connectivity to Langholm as part of this future work.

12. RESHAPING LOCAL BUS SERVICES – SEMINAR / PROCUREMENT

Decision

The Board **NOTED** :-

12.1 the cancellation of the seminar planned for Saturday 20 August 2016; and

12.2 the procurement timetable and route specification / timetable options being developed.

13. REGIONAL TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIPS JOINT CHAIRS MEETING 15 JUNE 2016

Decision

The Board **NOTED** the minutes of the Regional Transport Partnerships Joint Chairs meeting of 15 June 2016 hosted by SWestrans at Gatehouse of Fleet, Dumfries and Galloway.

14. STAFFING ARRANGEMENTS**Decision**

The Board **NOTED** the amended staffing structure for SWestrans as shown in Appendix 2 of the report to take effect from October 2016.

The Chairman on behalf of the Board congratulated Josef Coombey on his appointment.

15. 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 other business deemed urgent by the Chairman due to the need for a decision.