
SOUTH WEST OF SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP

Meeting of Friday 9 March 2018
at 10.30am, McMillan Hall, Dashwood Square. Newton Stewart

Present

Members

Andrew Wood (Chairman)	-	Dumfries and Galloway Council
David Bryson (Vice-Chairman)	-	NHS Dumfries and Galloway
Richard Brodie	-	Dumfries and Galloway Council
John Campbell	-	Dumfries and Galloway Council
Jim Dempster	-	Dumfries and Galloway Council
David Stitt	-	Dumfries and Galloway Council

Officials and Advisers

Douglas Kirkpatrick	-	Lead Officer
Claire Rogerson	-	Secretary to the Board
Josef Coombey	-	Policy and Projects Officer
Kirsty Dunsmore	-	Policy and Projects Officer
Janet Sutton	-	Finance Officer
Rebecca Scott	-	Graduate Trainee

Apologies

Alistair McKinnon	-	Scottish Enterprise
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Observers

Christopher Bradberry Craig	-	Thornhill Station Action Group
June Hay		Outdoor Access Forum
Graham Whiteley		

In Attendance

Michael Liebisch	-	South West Scotland Community Rail Partnership
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1. SEDERUNT AND APOLOGIES

5 Board Members present, 1 apology.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

NONE declared.

3. MINUTE OF MEETING ON 17 JANUARY 2017

Decision

APPROVED.

4. DRAFT REVENUE EXPENDITURE BUDGET REPORT 2018/19

Decision

The Board **AGREED** the draft revenue budget for 2018/19 as set out in Table 1 of the report as detailed below.

Item	Cost £
Staff Costs	110,848
Property Costs	700
Supplies & Services	32,593
Transport Costs	2,104
Procured Services	4,113,794
Central Support	48,750
TOTAL	4,308,789

5. CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAMME 2018/19

BOARD MEMBER – Richard Brodie entered the meeting – 6 Board Members present.

Decision

The Board **AGREED**:

5.1 the Capital Programme for 2018/19 to 2020/21 detailed in the Appendix of the report with regard to the Purchase of Accessible Buses, Bus Infrastructure, Active Travel projects (which would also include Cyclepath Development) and STAG Studies; and

5.2 to receive a further report to consider the options and consequences of the rail station improvements (Lockerbie Phase 2 and Lockerbie Phase 3).

6. EXTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2017/18

Decision

The Board **NOTED** the external audit plan for 2017/18 as outlined in the Appendix of the report.

7. SWESTRANS ANNUAL REPORT 2016/17

Decision

The Board **AGREED** the SWestrans Annual Report for 2016/17 as attached at the Appendix to the report.

8. OBSERVERS UPDATE

Decision

The Board:

8.1 **NOTED** the resignation of Sharon Ogilvie as an observer to the Board with effect from 26 January 2018; and

8.2 **COMMENDED** the contributions and time given by observers to the business of the Board.

9. LOCAL BUS SERVICE 101/102 DUMFRIES TO EDINBURGH

Decision

The Board:

9.1 **NOTED** the concerns on the future deliverability of the Dumfries to Edinburgh local bus service and that there may be a need for an additional Board meeting in April 2018; and

9.2 **AGREED** that officers continue to progress discussions with partners as highlighted in paragraph 3.6 of the report.

10. LOCAL BUS SERVICES – BANK HOLIDAYS

Decision

The Board:

10.1 **CONSIDERED** the request from Stagecoach West Scotland to change the Bank Holiday service levels to operate a Sunday service on Easter Monday and the May Day Bank Holiday annually; and

10.2 **AGREED** public engagement be undertaken to determine views on reducing service levels across all service providers on Easter Monday and May Day Bank Holiday to a Sunday Service with effect from Easter Monday 2019.

11. SOUTH WEST SCOTLAND – INITIAL APPRAISAL: CASE FOR CHANGE

The Board **NOTED**:

11.1 the commencement and nature of the “Initial Appraisal: Case For Change” study;

11.2 the “Initial Appraisal: Case for Change” study’s relation to the second Strategic Transport Projects Review; and

11.3 the role of SWestrans on the Client Working Group overseeing the study.

12. PUBLIC SOCIAL PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

The Board **NOTED**:

12.1 the progress on the Public Social Partnership development; and

12.2 that a further pilot update report on the Public Social Partnership would be brought to the Board in June 2018.

13. CONSULTATIONS

The Board **NOTED**:

13.1 the two consultations relevant to SWestrans’ interests “A Connected Scotland – Tackling Social Isolation and Loneliness and Building Stronger Social Connections” and “Consultation on the use of section 19 and section 22 permits for road passenger transport in Great Britain.”; and

13.2 the opportunity to provide comment on the consultations to the Lead Officer by 20 April 2018, which would be incorporated into responses from SWestrans and signed off by the Lead Officer, in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair under delegated powers.

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

Decision

The Board **NOTED** that there were no items of 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 excluded the press, members of the public and observers from the meeting given that the report contained exempt information in respect of paragraph 6 of Schedule 7A of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, and therefore met the requirements of standing orders 25.3.1 and 25.3.3, that the press and public be excluded.

15. LOCAL BUS SERVICES - SUSTAINABILITY

PROCEDURE – The report was distributed at the meeting.

Summary of Report – This report provided the Board with information regarding the sustainability issues raised by two bus companies and sought agreement on a course of action to maintain local bus services.

Decision

The Board:

NOTED

15.1 the sustainability issues raised by one bus company;

15.2 the sustainability issues raised by a second bus company;

AGREED

15.3 that option 3 to renegotiate be progressed to maintain local bus services in the stated area;

15.4 to increase the contract cost of a local service by £35 per day which would be subject to periodic review;

15.5 to work in partnership with local bus operators on PCV driver training and recruitment; and

15.6 that an additional Board meeting be arranged for April 2018 if required.