
SOUTH WEST OF SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP

Meeting of Friday 19 June 2020
at 10.30am at Remote Meeting via Microsoft Teams

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
Ronnie Tait	-	Dumfries and Galloway Council
Adam Wilson	-	Dumfries and Galloway Council

Officials

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

Observers

Fraser Smith	-	Stagecoach Scotland
Graham Whiteley		

In Attendance

Katie Hagmann	-	Dumfries and Galloway Council (substitute Board Member)
Sally Hinchcliffe	-	Cycling Dumfries
Nick Evans	-	Democratic Services Manager

1. SEDERUNT AND APOLOGIES

6 Board Members present.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Decision

NONE declared

3. STANDING ORDERS – AMENDMENT

Decision

The Board **AGREED** to endorse the decision of the Lead Officer in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair to agree the following changes to Standing Order 7 – Quorum – to amend standing order 7.1 and include a new standing order 7.5.

“7.1 No business shall be transacted at a meeting of the Transport Partnership unless at least one-third of all Members of the Transport Partnership are present. **The number of Members present for the quorum includes those in remote attendance.**”

“7.5 There is provision to allow for board members to attend a meeting of the **SWestrans board or a committee of the partnership either by being present together with other members in a specified place, or remotely which enables Board Members to participate despite not being present with other Board Members.**”

4. MINUTES OF MEETING ON 24 JANUARY 2020

Decision

APPROVED

5. REVENUE BUDGET OUTTURN REPORT 2019/20

Decision

The Board **NOTED** the draft financial outturn for 2019/20 and that a break-even position was achieved.

6. DRAFT REVENUE EXPENDITURE BUDGET 2020/21

Decision

The Board **AGREED** the draft revenue budget for 2020/21 as set out in Table 1 of the report.

7. DRAFT ANNUAL (UNAUDITED) ACCOUNTS 2019/20

Decision

The Board **NOTED** the unaudited Annual Accounts for the financial year ended 31 March 2020 which would be submitted to the Board's external auditors for review.

8. CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAMME 2019/20 OUTTURN REPORT

Decision

The Board **NOTED** the outturn position on the 2019/20 SWestrans Capital Programme.

9. DRAFT CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAMME 2020/21 - 2022/23

The Board **AGREED** the draft Capital Programme for 2020/21 to 2022/23 as outlined in Table 1 of the report.

10. BOARD MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Decision

The Board:-

10.1 **APPROVED** the reappointment of David Bryson to the SWestrans board on behalf of NHS Dumfries and Galloway for a further four years, noting that this is subject to an appraisal submission and the consent of Scottish Ministers; and

NOTED

10.2 that as David Rennie had now left Scottish Enterprise there was a vacancy for the Local Enterprise Agency to be represented on the Board;

10.3 that at the request of Scottish Enterprise, the Secretary had written to the Director of Strategy, Partnerships and Enterprise at the South of Scotland Enterprise in order to confirm whether they wished to take up the position; and

10.4 South of Scotland Enterprise had confirmed their interest in taking up the place on the Board, and that details of a nomination were awaited and would be presented to the Board at the earliest opportunity.

11. SWESTRANS ANNUAL REPORT 2018/19

Decision

The Board **AGREED** the SWestrans Annual Report for 2018/19 as attached at the Appendix of the report.

12. LOCAL BUS UPDATE

Decision

The Board **NOTED**:-

12.1 the changes to commercial local bus service 6 Kingholm Quay to Dumfries;

12.2 the intention of Scottish Borders Council to reduce the current provision on the Monday to Friday evening and Sunday X95 Edinburgh to Galashiels to Langholm to Carlisle local bus service; and

12.3 that disappointment regarding the proposed changes to service X95 Edinburgh to Galashiels to Langholm to Carlisle be outlined in response to the consultation by Scottish Borders Council; and

12.4 **AGREED** that the Lead Officer would look to secure a meeting with Scottish Borders Council via MS Teams and that local ward Members from both Councils be invited to attend.

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 item 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 exclude the Press, members of the public and Observers from the meeting given the report contains confidential or exempt information in respect of paragraphs 6, 8, 9 and 10 of Schedule 7A of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

14. LOCAL BUS COVID-19 UPDATE

Summary of Report

This report provided Members of the Board with an understanding of the impact that Covid-19 has had on the local bus network and advised of the operational and financial challenges moving through the recovery phases.

Decision

The Board:-

NOTED

14.1 the impacts of COVID-19 on the local bus network;

14.2 the wide range of activity on recovery / restart that is underway; and

14.3 **AGREED** a framework for officers to progress discussions with our partners and suppliers to meet the transport needs of our residents as we continue the recovery phase from COVID-19; and

14.4 **NOTED** that additional Board meetings would be scheduled as required, further noting that that there may be a need to meet more frequently over the summer.