
SOUTH WEST OF SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP

Meeting of Friday 25 November 2022
at 10.30am at Dumfries and Galloway Council Headquarters, English Street,
Dumfries and via Microsoft Teams

Present

Members

John Campbell (Chair)	-	Dumfries and Galloway Council
Karen Jackson (Vice-Chair)	-	South of Scotland Enterprise
David Bryson	-	NHS Dumfries and Galloway
Jim Dempster	-	Dumfries and Galloway Council
Maureen Johnstone	-	Dumfries and Galloway Council
Keith Walters	-	Dumfries and Galloway Council
Andrew Wood	-	Dumfries and Galloway Council

Officials

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

Observers

Christopher Bradberry Craig	-	Thornhill Station Action Group
June Hay	-	Outdoor Access Forum
High McCreadie	-	Lochside and Woodlands Community Council
Frazer Smith	-	Stagecoach Scotland
Graham Whiteley		

In Attendance

Franca Bruno	-	Beattock Station Action Group
Jason Bentley	-	SWeststrans
Grant Coltart	-	SWeststrans
Graham Dunn	-	Project Manager Community Transport PSP
Sylvia Moffat	-	Beattock Station Action Group
Linda Richardson	-	SWeststrans

1. SEDERUNT AND APOLOGIES

6 Board Members present and 1 not present at the start.

John Campbell and Maureen Johnstone attended at Dumfries and Galloway Council Headquarters,
Karen Jackson, Jim Dempster, Keith Walters and Andrew Wood attended via MS Teams.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

NONE declared.

3. MINUTES OF MEETING ON 23 SEPTEMBER 2022

Decision

APPROVED.

4. REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2022/23 FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31 OCTOBER 2022.

Decision

The Board **NOTED** the forecast outturn for the revenue budget as at 31 October 2022.

5. CLIMATE CHANGE DUTIES – REPORTING 2021/22

The Chair on behalf of the Board welcomed the new members of staff for SWestrans who were in attendance at the meeting.

Decision

The Board:-

5.1 **NOTED** SWestrans statutory Climate Change Duties Reporting requirements; and

5.2 **AGREED** to submit the 2021/22 Climate Change Duties Report for SWestrans by the deadline 30 November 2022

6. CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAMME 2022/23 – 2024/25 UPDATE

Decision

The Board:-

6.1 **NOTED** the update on the Capital Programme for 2022/23;

6.2 **AGREED** the Bus Shelter Programme as shown at Appendix 2 of the report;

6.3 **NOTED** the ongoing work to collect and then assess the condition of existing bus stops and bus shelters across the region and **AGREED** to receive a full report as soon as data is available; and

6.4 **FURTHER NOTED** that the Lead Officer would write to the Chair and Vice-Chair of Communities Committee of Dumfries and Galloway Council regarding the maintenance schedule for bus shelters.

7. LOCAL BUS UPDATE

BOARD MEMBER – David Bryson joined the meeting via MS Teams during this item – 7 Board members present.

Decision

The Board:-

7.1 **NOTED** the update on the review of all current supported local bus services to meet the delivery challenges previously identified for 2023/24; and

7.2 **AGREED** that Dumfries and Galloway Council would be informed of the options being developed on the review of all current supported local bus services highlighting that Option 1 – Status Quo - Requesting an additional budget enhancement of £160k be included within the Council's budget considerations for 2023/24.

8. STANDING ORDERS REVIEW

Decision

The Board:-

8.1 **NOTED** the amendment made to Standing Orders regarding the recording and livestreaming of meetings; and

8.2 **AGREED** that a review of Standing Orders be undertaken by the Secretary and reported back to the board in March 2023

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

Decision

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

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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 confidential or exempt information in respect of Section 50A (4) and paragraph 6 of Schedule 7A of the Local Government Scotland Act 1973.

10. LOCAL BUS CONTRACTS - VEHICLES

Summary of Report – This report advised the board of ongoing issues with vehicles owned by SWestrans that are leased to operators to undertake supported local bus services and highlighted implications for the current and future delivery.

Decision

The Board:-

NOTED

10.1 the ongoing issues with vehicles owned by SWestrans;

10.2 and discussed the challenges highlighted on future delivery; and

10.3 **AGREED** to receive regular updates on SWestrans owned vehicle assets.