
SOUTH WEST OF SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP

Meeting of Friday 26 October 2023
 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
Willie Scobie	-	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
Grant Coltart	-	Team Leader

Apologies

Keith Walters	-	Dumfries and Galloway Council
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Observers

Frazer Smith	-	Stagecoach
Graham Whiteley		

In Attendance

Peter Lindsay	-	Audit Scotland
Ciaran O'Brien	-	Audit Scotland
Ron McLean	-	Beattock Station Action Group

1. SEDERUNT AND APOLOGIES

6 Board Members present and 1 apology.

John Campbell, David Bryson and Willie Scobie attended at Dumfries and Galloway Council Headquarters,

Karen Jackson. Jim Dempster and Andrew Wood attended via MS Teams.

PROCEDURE – The Secretary confirmed those observers who were present at the meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

NONE declared.

3. MINUTES OF MEETING ON 30 JUNE 2023

Decision

APPROVED.

4. REPORT BY EXTERNAL AUDIT ON THR 2022/23 AUDIT OF SOUTH WEST SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP

Decision

The Board :-

4.1 **AGREED** to receive the external auditors' report on the 2022/23 audit as detailed at Appendix 1 of the report;

APPROVED

4.2 the Letter of Representation to be certified by the Treasurer and appended to the audit report as detailed at Appendix 2 of the report;

4.3 the audited accounts which would be certified by the Treasurer and Audit Scotland as detailed at Appendix 3 of the report; and

4.4 **NOTED** that the certified accounts would be made available to all Members and that they would be available on the SWestrans website as detailed in paragraph 3.4 of the report.

5. REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2023/2024 FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

Decision

The Board **NOTED** the forecast outturn for the revenue budget as at 30 September 2023.

6. CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAMME 2023/24 – 2025/26 UPDATE

BOARD MEMBER – Andrew Wood left the meeting during this item – 5 Board Members present.

Decision

The Board:-

6.1 **NOTED** the update on Capital Programme for 2023/24 to 2025/26 as outlined in the report; and

6.2 **AGREED** the recruitment to the vacant Policy and Project Officer post on the basis outlined in paragraph 3.9

7. REGIONAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY 2023 TO 2042

Decision

The Board **REVIEWED** and **AGREED** the suggested response to the feedback received on the SWestrans Regional Transport Strategy 2023 to 2042 at the Appendix to the report subject to amendment to reflect recognition that STPR2 did not address all the ambitions of SWestrans or reflect the ambitions for rural Scotland.

8. RAIL UPDATE

Decision

The Board **NOTED**

8.1 the update on the Scotrail off-peak all day fares trial;

8.2 the update on Ayr Station closure;

8.3 the update on the Avanti West Coast contract; and

8.4 **FURTHER NOTED** that the Lead Officer undertook to write to Stena regarding usage figures.

9. STANDING ORDERS REVIEW

Decision

The Board **NOTED**

9.1 that no amendments are required to Standing Orders at this time; and

9.2 that a review of the Procurement Standing Orders would be undertaken and reported back to the board.

10. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

Decision

The Board **AGREED** the Calendar of Meetings for 2024 as set out in paragraph 2.2 of the report.

11. 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.