

TAYSIDE AND CENTRAL SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP

Minute of Meeting of the Tayside and Central Scotland Transport Partnership held in Committee Room 3, 14 City Square, Dundee on Tuesday 20 March 2007 at 2.00pm.

Present: Councillors K Ritchie and D Selfridge (Angus Council); Councillors K Keenan, R Wallace and G Regan (Dundee City Council); Councillors A Livingstone, J Mair and A Telfer (Perth and Kinross Council); Councillor J Paterson (Stirling Council); R Andrew, Professor M Horner and B Wright (Members).

In Attendance: E Guthrie (Director); E Lowson and G Chree (Angus Council); M Galloway and N Gardiner (Dundee City Council); J Irons, A Deans and V Goldthorp (Perth and Kinross Council); L Goodfellow and C Bell (Stirling Council) and N Farrell (Scottish Executive).

Apologies: Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors F Grant, J Hulbert and G Thomson and M Duffy.

Councillor Livingstone, Chairperson, Presiding.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor D Selfridge declared a non-financial interest in Item 3 (Regional Transport Strategy: Public Consultation) in relation to the Cairngorms National Park but confirmed that he did not take part in negotiations and therefore would be able to consider the Strategy.

2. MINUTES OF MEETINGS

(i) Meeting of Partnership of 20 February 2007

The Minute of Meeting of the Partnership of 20 February 2007 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

(ii) Meeting of Executive Sub Committee of 14 February 2007

The Minute of Meeting of the Executive Sub-Committee of the Partnership held on 14 February 2007 was submitted, approved as a correct record and noted.

The Chair advised that, following the appointments process undertaken on 14 February, and submission of 3 potential candidates to the Transport Minister for consideration, the Minister had recently appointed Mr Gavin Roser to the remaining non-Councillor vacancy on the Partnership.

3. REGIONAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY: PUBLIC CONSULTATION

There was submitted a report by the Director (RTP/07/10), (1) updating the Partnership on the outcome of public consultation on the Draft Regional Transport Strategy; and (2) considering arrangements for approving the finalised Strategy for submission to the Transport Minister by 31 March 2007.

Resolved:

- (i) The outcome of the public consultation on the Draft Regional Transport Strategy as summarised in the Report (RTP/07/10) and reported in detail to the Regional Transport Strategy Workshop on 20 March 2007 be noted;
- (ii) The proposed amendments to the Draft Regional Transport Strategy in response to public consultation, as presented to and discussed at the Workshop on 20 March 2007, be agreed;
- (iii) The finalised Regional Transport Strategy, amended to reflect the outcome of public consultation, be submitted for approval by the Partnership at its meeting on 27 March 2007; and
- (iv) The finalised RTS Consultation Report and Delivery Plan documents be submitted for consideration at the Partnership meeting on 24 April 2007.

4. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Chairman advised the meeting that this item had been deferred and would be submitted to the Partnership meeting on 24 April 2007.

5. EMPLOYMENT POLICIES

The Chairman advised the meeting that this item had been deferred and would be submitted to the Partnership meeting on 24 April 2007.

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

There was submitted a report by the Director (RTP/07/13) updating the Partnership on various matters of interest and relevance to the work of the Partnership and seeking approval to accept an invitation to join the Scottish Council for Development and Industry (SCDI).

In relation to the reporting of delays in completion of the 2006/07 Capital Programme, the Director advised that it was now unlikely that the Broxden Park & Ride land purchase scheme would be concluded by 31 March 2007, increasing the value of planned works which would not be completed by the end of the financial year to around £400,000. The Director also advised that the Scottish Executive had recently indicated that they were prepared to allow all of the delayed projects to be fully funded from the Partnership's 2006/07 Capital Grant allocation.

In relation to an invitation to join the Scottish Council for Development and Industry, the Director advised that the financial implications of taking up

membership of SCDI would be not more than £500 for annual subscription, plus any attendance at meetings.

Resolved:

- (i) It be noted, that the Partnership Headquarters at Bordeaux House, Perth was now operational and agreed that a formal opening would be held on 24 April 2007. Further details would follow.
- (ii) The adjustments to the 2006/07 Revenue Budget to enable funding of traffic surveys on the A90 in support of feasibility and development work on the Regional Transport Strategy, be approved.
- (iii) The arrangements agreed with the Scottish Executive for dealing with slippages in the 2006/07 Capital Programme, be noted; and
- (iv) That an invitation to join the Scottish Council for Development and Industry, be accepted.

8. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

(i) Valedictory

The Chair informed members that Tash Farrell, Scottish Executive had recently been promoted to a rail policy post within Transport Scotland, so would no longer be the Scottish Executive's liaison officer with TACTRAN. On behalf of the Partnership members and officers expressed appreciation and gratitude for the significant contribution she had made to the work of the Partnership, and wished her every success for the future.

(ii) MVA Consultancy

Councillor K Ritchie congratulated MVA Consultancy on the quality of work produced within the given timescales and this was echoed by other Members of the Partnership.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meetings of the Tayside and Central Scotland Transport Partnership would be held on:

Tuesday 27 March 2007 at 11.00 am at Quality Hotel, Perth and
Tuesday 24 April 2007 at 11.00 am at Quality Hotel, Perth.