

## TAYSIDE AND CENTRAL SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP

Minute of Meeting of the Tayside and Central Scotland Transport Partnership held in the Canmore Room, Town and County Building, Forfar on Tuesday 19 December 2006 at 1.30pm.

Present: Councillors K Ritchie and D Selfridge (Angus Council); Councillors F Grant and R Wallace (Dundee City Council); Councillors J Hulbert (from Item 5), A Livingstone, and J Mair (Perth and Kinross Council); Councillors J Paterson (Stirling Council) and G Thomson; M Duffy, Professor M Horner and B Wright (Members).

In Attendance: E Guthrie (Director); E Lawson and C Robertson (Angus Council); M Galloway and N Gardiner (Dundee City Council); A Deans, G Taylor and V Goldthorp (Perth and Kinross Council); C Bell and L Goodfellow (Stirling Council); N Farrell (Scottish Executive); L Morgan and R Stewart (CDU).

Councillor Livingstone, Convener, Presiding.

### 1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor K Keenan (Dundee City Council) and Robert Andrew (Member).

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest made in terms of The Code of Conduct.

### 3. MINUTES

#### (i) Partnership

The Minute of Meeting of the Partnership of 26 September 2006 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

#### (ii) Special Meetings of the Partnership

The Minutes of the Special Meetings of the Partnership of 17 October 2006 and 21 November 2006 were submitted and approved as correct records.

### 4. POLICY AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

There was submitted a report by the Secretary (RTP/06/39) (1) updating the Partnership on progress made in drafting a number of corporate governance documents; (2) recommending a partial set of policies for adoption and (3) advising on the position regarding Board membership.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The position with regard to the ongoing development of corporate governance documentation by CDU Limited in consultation with the Partnership's Officers be noted.
- (ii) The policies set out in appendices to Report RTP/06/39 be deferred for further legal clarification and submitted to the Partnership at a future meeting.
- (iii) The receipt of eight applications for the current non-Councillor Board vacancy be noted.
- (iv) It be remitted to the Executive Committee to consider these applications; to undertake interviews and to make recommendations to Scottish Ministers for appointment.
- (v) Consideration of the appointment of Advisors/Observers to the Board be deferred until after appointment to the current non-Councillor Board vacancy.

**5. REGIONAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY – PROGRESS UPDATE**

There was submitted a report by the Regional Transport Strategy Steering Group (RTP/06/38) (1) providing an update on the development of the Draft Regional Transport Strategy and; (2) seeking the Partnership's agreement to a revised programme for public consultation on the Draft Regional Transport Strategy. The Convener and the Director also provided an update on the current position.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The Draft Regional Transport Strategy be considered at the next meeting of the Partnership to be held on 16 January 2007.
- (ii) The revised programme for public consultation on the Draft Regional Transport Strategy as detailed in report RTP/06/38 be approved.
- (iii) It be remitted to the Convener to write to Mr Tavish Scott MSP, Minister for Transport & Telecommunications, advising him of the revised programme for approving and consulting on the Draft Regional Transport Strategy.
- (iv) It be remitted to the Director to write to MVA expressing the Partnership's strong concern and disappointment at the failure to produce a Draft Regional Transport Strategy for approval for public consultation at this meeting of the Partnership, as programmed.
- (v) The Director be instructed to advise the Partnership at the earliest possible stage if it appears that a Draft RTS is not likely to be available for the next Partnership meeting on 16 January 2007.

COUNCILLOR HULBERT JOINED THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

**6. REVENUE BUDGET 2006-07 AND 2007-08**

There was submitted a report by the Director (RTP/06/42), copies of which were tabled, an update on the projected Revenue Budget out-turn for 2006-07, estimated claim to the Scottish Executive for Transitional Costs incurred in 2006/07, and an initial projection of the anticipated Core Budget requirement for 2007-08.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The projected Revenue Budget out-turn for 2006-07 and anticipated Transitional Costs claim to the Scottish Executive as set out in Report RTP/06/42 be noted.

- (ii) A further report on the Revenue Budget for 2006-07 and 2007-08 be submitted to the Partnership meeting on 16 January 2007.

## **7. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2006-07 AND 2007-08**

There was submitted a report by the Director (RTP/06/40) (1) providing an update on the progress on the implementation of the Capital Programme for 2006-07 and; (2) seeking approval of the proposed Capital Programme for 2007-08.

### **Resolved:**

- (i) The progress on the implementation of the 2006-07 Capital Programme as detailed in Report RTP/06/40 and Appendix A thereto be noted.
- (ii) The variations to individual project costs and allocations as detailed in report RTP/06/40 be endorsed.
- (iii) The increase in the allocation for the Broxden Park and Ride Scheme, Perth in the current year from £150,000 to £200,000 be approved.
- (iv) The sum of £300,000 which was allocated to Dundee City Council in 2006-07 for the Swallow Roundabout project be carried forward into 2007-08, to enable further development of the project.
- (v) The Capital Programme for 2007-08 as detailed in Report RTP/06/40 and Appendix B thereto, adjusted to reduce the proposed allocation to Perth & Kinross Council of £250,000 for work on the River Tay crossing to £200,000 and include a scheme for access improvements to Perth Harbour at a cost of £50,000, be approved for submission to the Scottish Executive.
- (vi) The proposed reallocation of funds by the Scottish Executive to TACTRAN to enable completion of Public Transport Fund projects in the Angus and Stirling Council areas be noted.

## **8. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

There was submitted a report by the Director (RTP/06/41) detailing progress on various matters of relevance to the work of the Partnership.

### **Resolved:**

- (i) The launch of Scotland's National Transport Strategy and related rail, bus and freight documents be noted and also that a further report on these be submitted to a future meeting of the Partnership.
- (ii) A report addressing consultations by neighbouring Regional Transport Partnerships on their Draft Regional Transport Strategies be submitted to the Partnership meeting on 16 January 2007.
- (iii) It be remitted to the Director to submit a report on the longer term arrangements for external communications to a future meeting of the Partnership.
- (iv) The contents of Report RTP/06/41 be otherwise noted.

## **9. VALEDICTORY**

The Convener on behalf of the Partnership expressed his gratitude to Colin Robertson of Angus Council for his contribution to TACTRAN and wished him a happy and long retirement.

**10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed that the next meeting be held on 16 January 2007 at 10.00 am at Quality Station Hotel, Perth to include a Workshop, followed by a Partnership meeting.