

TAYSIDE AND CENTRAL SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP

Minute of Special Meeting of the Tayside and Central Scotland Transport Partnership held in the Ballroom, The Quality Hotel, Leonard Street, Perth on Tuesday 21 November 2006 at 12.25pm.

Present: Councillor F Ellis (substituting for Councillor K Ritchie) and D Selfridge (Angus Council); Councillor R Wallace (Dundee City Council); Councillors A Livingstone, J Hulbert and J Mair (Perth and Kinross Council); Councillor G Thomson (Stirling Council); R Andrew, M Duffy, Professor M Horner and B Wright (Non-Council Members).

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

Apologies: Councillors K Ritchie (Angus Council); Councillor F Grant and K Keenan (Dundee City Council); and Councillor J Paterson (Stirling Council).

Councillor Livingstone, Chairperson, Presiding.

1. TRANSPORT INFORMATION AND INTEGRATION AWARDS

Prior to the commencement of business the Chairperson, on behalf of the Partnership, congratulated Dundee City Council on its recent success in winning two awards in the Transport Integration and Travel Information categories of the Scottish Transport Awards 2006.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

3. REGIONAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY: APPROVAL OF OPTIONS REPORT

There was submitted a report by the MVA Consultancy (RTP/06/38) setting out options for the development of a Regional Transport Strategy for the Tayside and Central Scotland Regional Transport Partnership (TACTRAN). The report had been the subject of consideration at a Workshop for members and officers immediately prior to this meeting.

Resolved:

The terms of the TACTRAN Regional Transport Strategy Options Report be approved.

4. PROPOSED CORE STAFFING ESTABLISHMENT

There was submitted a report by the Director (RTP/06/36) (1) seeking approval for an initial staffing establishment and associated terms and conditions of employment for staff; and (2) proposing that longer term staffing arrangements, addressing delivery requirements of the finalised Regional Transport Strategy, be the subject of a report to an early meeting of the new Partnership Board, following the local government elections in May 2007.

The Chairperson acknowledged the debt due to the Officers from Angus, Dundee City, Perth and Kinross and Stirling Councils who had worked extremely hard in recent months on behalf of the Partnership in supporting the work of the consultants on developing the Strategy. On behalf of the Board the Chairperson thanked the officers for all their efforts.

Resolved:

- (i) The initial staffing structure, as detailed in Report RTP/06/36, and Appendix A attached thereto, be approved.
- (ii) It be delegated to the Director, in consultation with the Management Team, to make staff appointments.
- (iii) The terms and conditions of employment for staff, as detailed in Appendix C to Report RTP/06/36, be approved.
- (iv) A further report addressing the options for which Regional Transport Partnership model the Partnership should follow, be submitted to an early meeting of the new Partnership Board, following the local government elections in May 2007.

5. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

There was submitted a report by the Director (RTP/06/37) detailing progress on various issues and seeking approval of matters which required early decisions.

Resolved:

- (i) The award of a contract to Wm J Davidson for alterations to the Partnership Headquarters at Bordeaux House, at a cost of £53,969.21, be noted.
- (ii) The Director's Membership of the Society of Chief Officers for Transportation in Scotland (SCOTS) and Association of Transport Co-ordinating Officers (ATCO) be endorsed.
- (iii) The Director be nominated to attend the Royal Garden Party in 2007 on behalf of the Partnership.
- (iv) The progress to date with the various organisational matters detailed in Report RTP/06/37 be noted.

6. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

19 December 2006 Workshop and Partnership Meeting, County Buildings, Forfar – 10.00am to 4.00pm

16 January 2007 Partnership Meeting – 10.00am, Quality Station Hotel, Perth

20 February 2007 Partnership Meeting – 10.00am

20 March 2007 Partnership Meeting – 10.00am