

Regional Transport Partnerships

Chairs Meeting

Minute of Meeting held in the Malmaison Hotel, Dundee on Wednesday 23 August 2017 at 0930hrs.

PRESENT

Cllr Brian Gordon, Tactran (Chair)
Cllr Martin Bartos, SPT
Cllr Andrew Henderson, Hitrans
Cllr Peter Argyle, Nestrans
Cllr Gordon Edgar, Sestrans
Cllr Andrew Wood, Swestrans

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs Joanne Gray, Transport Scotland
Mr Bruce Kiloh, SPT
Mr George Eckton, Sestrans
Mr Eric Guthrie, Tactran
Mr Douglas Kirkpatrick, Swestrans
Mr Michael Craigie, ZetTrans
Mr Derick Murray, Nestrans
Mr Frank Roach, Hitrans

APOLOGIES

Cllr Ryan Thomson, ZetTrans
Mr Eric Stewart, SPT
Mr Ranald Robertson, Hitrans
Mr Robert Nicol, COSLA.

Welcome and Apologies 1 Cllr Gordon welcomed everyone to the RTP Chairs meeting and noted the apologies above.

Cllr Gordon then paid tribute to Cllr Alistair Watson, the first Chair of SPT, who had passed away suddenly in June, highlighting his contribution to promoting sustainable transport, and the key role he played in the development and establishment of RTPs. Cllr Gordon noted he will be sadly missed across Scotland and asked that the condolences of the Chairs be passed on to Cllr Watson's family and his colleagues at SPT. As a mark of respect to Cllr Watson, a moment of silence was then observed.

Minute of RTP Chairs Meeting on 9 March 2017 (attached) and Matters Arising 2 Noted.

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- a. *Background – Memorandum of Understanding (attached)*
- b. *“Develop to Deliver – Maximising the role of RTPs in furthering improvements to transport in Scotland” Report (attached)*
- c. *Format of Future Chairs Meetings*
- d. *Work Programme*

After discussion, in relation to the sub-items above, the Chairs agreed:

- b. To write to President of COSLA and Chair of the Environment and Economy Committee to request meeting to discuss progress.**
- c. To consider format at next meeting, and to try a workshop format at the next Chairs meeting in December.**
- d. To invite the Transport Minister to the next meeting, in addition to those noted, Jonathan Bray of the Urban Transport Group, Roy Brannen of Transport Scotland, and the Chair of CPT Scotland. Further, requested Lead Officers to prepare updated Work Programme and Future Invitee list for next meeting.**

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- a. *Update*
 - b. *Invitation for RTP Chair representative on NTS Review Board (attached)*

After discussion, in relation to the sub-items above, the Chairs agreed:

a. After vote, the Chairs agreed that Cllr Edgar would be the RTP Chairs representative, with Cllr Gordon as deputy.

Current issues

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- a. *Places People and Planning Position Statement – Joint RTP response (attached)*
 - b. *Enterprise and Skills Review*
 - c. *Improving Parking in Scotland*
 - d. *Climate Change Bill*
 - e. *Low Emissions Zones*
 - f. *Road Works Consultation*
 - g. *Forthcoming Transport Bill*
 - h. *Brexit – Impact on Transport*

After discussion, in relation to the sub-items above, the Chairs agreed the following:

- a. **Approved.**
- b. **Requested that the Scot Govt report on the Enterprise and Skills Review be circulated for information. Agreed to write a letter to the Transport Minister regarding this Review and other related items.**
- c. **Agreed to delegate the response to RTP Lead Officers.**
- d. **Noted that RTPs may respond collectively or individually.**
- e. **Agreed to delegate the response to RTP Lead Officers.**
- f. **Agreed to delegate the response to RTP Lead Officers.**
- g. **Requested a report on the proposed Transport Bill for next meeting.**
- h. **Requested that this item be kept on agenda for future monitoring.**

- a. *Active Travel*
- b. *Bus*
- c. *Ferries*
- d. *Rail*
 - 1. *Public Sector Bidder for ScotRail Franchise*
 - 2. *East Coast Mainline Authorities*
 - 3. *High Speed Rail Scotland*
- e. *Air*
 - 1. *DfT Aviation Strategy*
 - 2. *Island Air Links*
- f. *Equalities*
 - 1. *Socio-Economic Duty*

After discussion, in relation to the sub-items above, the Chairs agreed the following:

- a. Noted.**
- b. Noted.**
- c. and e(2). Noted.**
- d. Noted.**
- e. To write to Transport Minister highlighting that Scotland's airports should be subject to a duty to prepare Surface Access Strategies.**
- f. Agreed to delegate the response to RTP Lead Officers.**

Dates of Future Meetings 7. **Agreed.**

AOB 8. None.

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