

TAYSIDE AND CENTRAL SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP

Minute of Meeting of the Tayside and Central Scotland Transport Partnership Executive Committee held in the Conference Room, Bordeaux House, 31 Kinnoull Street, Perth on Thursday 16 November 2017 at 10am.

Present: Provost Ronnie Proctor (Angus Council); Councillor Brian Gordon (Dundee City Council); Councillor Andrew Parrott (Perth & Kinross Council) and Ms Trudi Craggs (Member).

In Attendance: E Guthrie (Director); N Gardiner and A Roger (Tactran) for items 4 and 5

Apologies: Councillor Jim Thomson (Stirling Council); G Taylor (Secretary).

Councillor Brian Gordon, Chair, Presiding

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In order to avoid the disclosure of information which is exempt in terms of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 it was agreed that members of the public and press should be excluded during consideration of item 2.

T Craggs declared a non-financial interest in relation to Items 2 and 3 owing to a previous and present working relationship with a candidate for the position of non-Councillor Member.

2. APPOINTMENT OF NON-COUNCILLOR MEMBER

In accordance with the delegation of authority approved by the Partnership at its meeting on 13 June 2017 (Report RTP/17/11 refers) the Committee had agreed to invite for interview 2 applicants for the vacant position of non-Councillor Member of the Partnership:-

Mr Robert Benson
Mr Andrew Holmes

3. DECISION

Following interview of the candidates and consideration of their respective applications and performance at interview in demonstrating fulfilment of the essential and desirable criteria for the position, and having regard to their potential contribution towards the role of, and balance of skills on, the Partnership Board as set out in Guidance, the Committee unanimously agreed to offer the position to Mr Robert Benson.

Resolved:

- (i) To agree to offer the position of non-Councillor member of the Partnership to Mr Robert Benson; and
- (ii) To remit to the Director and Secretary to make the necessary arrangements for conclusion of the appointment.

4. PUBLIC SECTOR CLIMATE CHANGE DUTIES REPORTING 2016/17

In accordance with the delegation of authority approved by the Partnership at its meeting on 12 September 2017 (Report RTP/17/23 refers) there was submitted a report by the Senior Partnership Manager (Report RTP/17/30 refers) informing and updating members on progress on monitoring and annual reporting on the Partnership's carbon emissions and other activity reporting required under Public Sector Climate Change Duties, and seeking approval to remit to officers to complete the Public Sector Climate Change Reporting Template for 2016/17 for submission to the Sustainable Scotland Network by 30 November 2017.

Resolved:

- (i) To agree to note the report and the requirement to report on the Partnership's activities and policies in respect of Climate Change Duties; and
- (ii) To remit officers to complete and submit the Public Sector Climate Change Reporting Template for 2016/17 to the Sustainable Scotland Network by 30 November 2017.

5. CONSULTATIONS

In accordance with the delegation of authority approved by the Partnership at its meeting on 12 September 2017 (Report RTP/17/22 refers) there was submitted a report by the Director (Report RTP/17/31) seeking approval of responses to Scottish Government consultations on Free Bus Travel for Older and Disabled People and Modern Apprentices and on Building Scotland's Low Emission Zones.

After discussion it was agreed to amend the response to consultation on Free Bus Travel for Older and Disabled People and Modern Apprentices, as detailed at Annex C to Appendix A to the report, to explicitly state that Tactran does not support any reduction in the general utility of the concessionary travel scheme by any form of restriction on the current Scotland-wide and all-day travel availability of the concessionary scheme.

Resolved:

- (i) To approve the proposed response to Scottish Government's consultation on Free Bus Travel for Older and Disabled People and Modern Apprentices as detailed in Appendix A, with amendment to the response at Annex C as agreed; and
- (ii) To approve the proposed response to Scottish Government's Building Scotland's Low Emission Zones – A Consultation, as detailed in Appendix B.