

NORTH EAST OF SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP

Minute of Meeting of the North East Scotland Transport Partnership Board

Aberdeen, Friday, 24 March 2017

Present: Councillor Milne (Chairperson); Councillor Aitchison (Vice Chairperson); Eddie Anderson (Vice Chairperson), Dr Bochel Councillor Clark, Mr Donald, Councillor Finlayson, Councillor Ford, Councillor Grant, Councillor Mollison and Ms MacDonald

In attendance: Lisa Christie (Aberdeen City Council), Rab Dickson (Nestrans), David Jennings (SDPA), Derick Murray (Nestrans), Emma Parr (Aberdeen City Council) and Ewan Wallace (Aberdeenshire Council),

Apologies: Councillor Argyle, Councillor Dickson and Mr Mair

DETERMINATION OF EXEMPT BUSINESS

1. The Chair proposed that a consultation on Stagecoach Proposed Bus Service Changes be accepted onto the agenda as a matter of urgency and due to the commercially sensitive information should be considered with the press and public excluded.

The Board resolved:-

- (i) to consider the Stagecoach Proposed Bus Service Changes following item 2 on the agenda; and
- (ii) in terms of Section 50(A) (4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 to exclude the press and public from the meeting for item 3 so as to avoid disclosure of information of the class described in paragraph 6 of schedule 7 (A) of the Act.

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2. The Board had before it the minute of the previous meeting of 15 February 2017 for approval.

The Board resolved:-

to approve as a correct record.

PLACES, PEOPLE AND PLANNING – THE PLANNING REVIEW

3. The Board had before it a report by the Director of Nestrans which requested Members to review, discuss and agree a response to the Scottish Government's 'Place, People and Planning' consultation document.

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The report recommended:-

That the Board consider the issues raised in the consultation document, discuss the draft Nestrans response and agree a Nestrans submission to the consultation.

With reference to Article 5 of the minute of the previous meeting of Nestrans, the Director advised that the draft response appended to the report had been prepared in consultation with colleagues across Aberdeen City Council and Aberdeenshire Council along with the Strategic Development Planning Authority (SDPA), and that the response was due to the Scottish Government by 4 April 2017. The Director advised that the focus on the response was on transport issues and that more specific planning issues would be covered in responses by the local authorities and the SDPA.

The Board resolved:-

- (i) to agree the content of the draft response subject to amendments discussed during the meeting; and
- (ii) to circulate the response between the Chairs and Vice Chairs before submission for agreement.

In accordance with the decision recorded under Article 1 of this minute, the following item was considered with the press and public excluded.

MATTER OF URGENCY

The Chair intimated that he had directed in terms of Section 50 (B) 4 (b) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 that the following item be considered as a matter of urgency due to the implementation date of 1 May 2017 to proposed service changes.

STAGECOACH PROPOSED BUS SERVICE CONSULTATION

4. The Transport Strategy Manager advised of the Stagecoach proposed bus service changes to services across the City and into Aberdeenshire. The withdrawal of service 80, from Dyce Railway to the airport was the main concern of the Board and the impact on those that currently used the service.

The Board resolved:-

- (i) to note the scheduled meeting with Stagecoach bus on 6 April 2017 to discuss the withdrawal of service 80;
- (ii) to instruct officers to report back to the next meeting of Nestrans on 19 April 2017; and
- (iii) to invite Stagecoach and First bus to the August meeting of Nestrans.

- COUNCILLOR RAMSAY MILNE, Chairperson.