

**PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT (ROADS AND TRANSPORT) SUB -
10 August 2005**

Motherwell, 10 August 2005 at 2 pm.

A Meeting of the **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT (ROADS AND TRANSPORT)
SUB-COMMITTEE**

PRESENT

Provost Connelly; Councillors Barrie, Gray, Hogg, Homer, McGuigan, McKendrick, McKenna, W. Martin and Moran.

CHAIR

In the absence of the Convener, Councillor McKenna presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Chief Committee Services Manager, Traffic and Transportation Manager and Roads Contract Team Leader.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Burns, J. Coyle, Griffin and Wilson.

The Convener varied the Order of Business as hereinafter Minuted.

TRANSPORT (SCOTLAND) BILL - GENERAL ISSUES

1. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 10 August 2005 by the Director of Planning and Environment (1) advising of the main issues contained within the recently e-mailed Transport (Scotland) Bill; (2) advising that the Transport (Scotland) Bill 2004 had been approved by the Scottish Parliament on 29 June 2005 and had received Royal Assent on 5 August 2005; (3) indicating that one of the main purposes of the Bill would be to establish a series of Regional Transport Partnerships (RTPs) which would cover the whole of Scotland; (4) intimating that the Council would be represented by two elected Members on the Regional Transport Partnerships for this area; (5) advising that the Scottish Executive would provide funding to support the initial establishment of the new partnerships; (6) indicating that one of the first priorities of the new partnerships would be the production of regional transport strategies; (7) advising that the Scottish Executive proposed to transfer most of the functions currently undertaken by Strathclyde Passenger Transport to the successor Transport Partnership covering the West of Scotland; (8) indicating that the appointment of additional supervisory staff may be necessary to monitor and direct statutory undertakers, and (9) providing his observations and considerations thereon.

Decided: that the report be noted.

TRANSPORT (SCOTLAND) BILL - OPERATIONAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES

2. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 9 August 2005 by the Director of Administration regarding the recently enacted Transport (Scotland) Bill 2004 which provided for the establishment of a series of Regional Transport Partnerships across Scotland; (1) advising of the receipt of a draft Establishment and Constitution Order by the Scottish Executive inviting comments by 12 August 2005 on certain proposed operational and constitutional issues, with particular regard to the Forum for this area, to be called the West Regional Transport Partnership (WRTP); (2) outlining the background

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relative thereto; (3) detailing the proposals contained in the draft Order, and (4) detailing his recommendations with regard to the response on the draft Establishment and Constitution Order.

Decided:

- (1) that the response to the draft Establishment and Constitution Order as detailed in paragraphs 4.1 to 4.5 of the report be submitted to the Scottish Executive as the response of the Council by the deadline of 12 August 2005, and
- (2) that the nomination of two elected Members to the West Regional Transport Partnership (WRTP) be remitted to the next meeting of the Council.

PERMANENT TRAFFIC SIGNAL INSTALLATIONS – LIST OF CONTRACTORS

3. There was submitted a report dated 10 August 2005 by the Director of Planning and Environment (1) advising Members of the arrangements for the purchase and installation of permanent traffic signal installations; (2) intimating that there are only three companies in the United Kingdom which manufacture permanent traffic signal equipment, and (3) proposing (a) to continue to issue all future contracts for the purchase and installation of permanent traffic signals to these contractors, and (b) to monitor the market place for any new entrants to the field of permanent traffic signal installation.

Decided:

- (1) that the arrangements for the procurement of permanent traffic signal installations be noted, and
- (2) that the ongoing efforts to identify additional contractors be noted.

PROGRAMME FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF 20 MPH SPEED LIMITS

4. With reference to paragraph 16 of the Minute of the meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee of 13 April 2005, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 25 July 2005 by the Director of Planning and Environment (1) updating Members on the proposed programme for the introduction of 20 mph speed limits at schools; (2) outlining the background relative thereto; (3) detailing in Appendices to the report (a) schools not subject to advisory 20 mph speed limits; (b) schools where the Order-making process had been completed and the Order was already implemented; (c) schools where the Order-making process was underway and would be completed in the current financial year, and (d) schools for which the Order making process would commence during 2005/06; (4) indicating that funding from the Scottish Executive had been confirmed for the Initiative and for the Safer Routes to School Programme for 2007/2008, and (5) recommending that the Committee note the report.

Decided: that the report be noted.

ROADS REVENUE BUDGET – PROGRESS ON 2005/06 CAPITAL PROGRAMME

5. With reference to paragraph 20 of the Minute of the meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 11 May 2005, there was submitted a report dated 10 August 2005 by the Director of Planning and Environment (1) informing the Sub-Committee (a) of the current level of expenditure of the Roads Revenue Budget – Contractors Line, and (b) of progress within the 2005/06 Capital Programme, (2) detailing the three elements of contractors expenditure; (3) summarising the

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up-to-date position with regard to the expenditure level, and (4) recommending that the Sub-Committee note the current situation with regard to contractors line expenditure and the 2005/06 Capital Programme.

Decided: that the current situation with regard to contractors line expenditure and 2005/06 Capital Programme be noted

SAFETY AND HEALTH AWARENESS DAY

6. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 23 February 2005, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 19 July 2005 by the Director of Planning and Environment (1) informing of the successful promotion of a Safety and Health Awareness Day (SHAD) for Council Staff and Contractors ; (2) intimating that the principal aim of the event was to raise awareness of key health and safety issues facing local companies operating in the roads maintenance and construction industry across North Lanarkshire; (3) setting out, in an Appendix to the report, an evaluation of the event, and (4) advising that it would be beneficial to hold similar events every three or four years in order to assist contractors on the Council's approved list to keep up-to-date with developments in health and safety.

Decided:

- (1) that the successful promotion of the Safety and Health Awareness Day be noted;
- (2) that the promotion of future events subject to appropriate funding being available be approved in principle, and
- (3) that the report be otherwise noted.

PETITION - PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN CUMBERNAULD

7. There was submitted a report dated 1 August 2005 by the Director of Administration advising of the receipt of a petition from residents in the vicinity of Glenlyon Court, Craigmarloch, Cumbernauld regarding the lack of public transport within the area on Sundays, public holidays and evenings after 6 pm.

Decided: that the Director of Planning and Environment submit a further report be submitted to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee following discussions with the SPTA on the possibility of introducing bus services in Craigmarloch, Cumbernauld.

ROAD SAFETY IN NORTH LANARKSHIRE DURING FIRST HALF OF 2005

8. With reference to paragraph 20 of the Minute of the meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 13 April 2005, there was submitted a report dated 10 August 2005 by the Director of Planning and Environment (1) referring to statistics on road accidents within the Strathclyde Police area recently published by the Police for the period from January to June 2005; (2) summarising the statistics in relation to the North Lanarkshire area; (3) providing a comparison of the data for the corresponding period of 2004; (4) containing his observations thereon, and (5) recommending that the Sub-Committee note (a) that there was a reduction in the number of fatal and serious accidents in North Lanarkshire in the first half of 2005; (b) a slight increase in the number of persons injured in North Lanarkshire during this period, and (c) that the estimated cost to the community of these accidents was in excess of £15m.

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Decided:

- (1) that it be noted that there was a reduction in the number of fatal and serious accidents in North Lanarkshire during the first half of 2005;
- (2) that it be noted that there was a slight increase in the number of road casualties during this period, and
- (3) that it be noted that the estimated cost to the community of these accidents was in excess of £15m.

NATIONAL AND SCOTTISH TRANSPORT AWARDS

9. There was submitted a report dated 29 July 2005 by the Director of Planning and Environment (1) informing of the recent success of the Transportation Service with regard to entries made to the National and Scottish Transport Awards; (2) intimating that the Transportation Service had been involved in the promotion of a number of innovative transportation and road safety schemes for a number of years, and (3) indicating (a) that the Twentys Plenty Scheme was one of five entries shortlisted in the Road Safety category at the National Transport Awards, and (b) that the Twentys Plenty Scheme and Gartcosh Transport Interchange Scheme had been shortlisted in the Road Safety and Transport Integration Categories of Scottish Transport Awards to be held in Edinburgh on 28 November 2005.

Decided: that the report be noted.