

**Glasgow City Council****Environment, Sustainability & Carbon Reduction Committee****Report by Executive Director of Neighbourhoods,
Regeneration & Sustainability****Contact: Marshall Poulton Tel: 07825 388366****TRANSPORT DELIVERY STEERING GROUP - UPDATE****Purpose of Report:**

To provide an update on the work of the Transport Delivery Steering Group (TDSG) since its inaugural meeting on 8 December 2020.

Recommendations:

1. Committee is asked to note the update on the work of the Transport Delivery Steering Group since its inception.
2. Committee review the role and responsibilities of the Transport Delivery Steering Group and consider how to take this forward in the new Council term.
3. Committee should ensure that any arrangements for the future of the TDSG Working Group give consideration to engagement with other Elected Members and that their views are taken into account especially when developing future workplans.

Ward No(s):

Citywide: ✓

Local member(s) advised: Yes No consulted: Yes No

1 Background

- 1.1 On 31 October 2019, the City Administration Committee approved the establishment, membership and Terms of Reference of the Transport Delivery Steering Group (TDSG). This was in response to a motion approved by the Council on 16th May 2019. The full text of that motion is available at <http://www.glasgow.gov.uk/councillorsandcommittees/viewDoc.asp?c=P62AFQDN0G0GDxDNZL>.
- 1.2 The purpose of the Group is to deliver or facilitate work in connection with the capital investment projects outlined in the Phase 2 report, issued in April 2019 by the Connectivity Commission, initiated by the Council Leader and relevant projects arising from the Regional Transport Strategy produced by Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) (hereafter referred to as the Programme). The Group also receives updates in response to the Emergency Motion approved by the Council on 27th June 2019, the full text of which is available at <http://www.glasgow.gov.uk/councillorsandcommittees/viewDoc.asp?c=P62AFQDN0GDxDXZL81>

2 Terms of Reference

- 2.1 To provide strategic leadership, engage with elected members, Council officers and other relevant stakeholders in connection with revenue and capital investment projects outlined in the Connectivity Commission's Phase 2 report, issued in April 2019, and relevant projects affecting Glasgow arising from the Regional Transport Strategy produced by SPT ("the Programme"):-
 - (a) the Group will work with relevant City Policy Committee(s), City Convener(s) and the City Administration Committee to develop and monitor implementation of the Programme;
 - (b) the Group will ensure that development of the Programme is scrutinised in terms of, but not limited to, evidence of need, learning from best practice, identification and appraisal of options, delivery of best value and environmental and social impacts, including equalities and climate impact assessments;
 - (c) the Group will investigate and consider alternative funding mechanisms as identified by the Connectivity Commission and may recommend the use of such alternative funding mechanisms in connection with specific projects or the Programme as a whole; and
 - (d) proposals by the Group for inclusion of additional projects in the programme will be submitted to the relevant City Policy Committee or the City Administration Committee for consideration.
- 2.2 To undertake regular assessment of potential opportunities presented by changes in technology and examples of best practice and:-

- (a) consider ways that this Council may exploit these changes; and
 - (b) submit recommendations to the relevant City Policy Committee or the City Administration Committee.
- 2.3 To be provided with regular updates on issues referred to it by the relevant City Policy Committee or the City Administration Committee, including consideration of the opportunities emerging from the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019.
- 2.4 To establish working groups as necessary, and for a limited time period, to take forward work on specific projects, to be reported back to a full meeting of the Group and, if appropriate, to the relevant City Policy Committee or the City Administration Committee.

3 Membership

- 3.1 The membership of the Group was approved as follows:-

Elected member representation:-

- 3 elected members appointed by the Administration, one of whom to be nominated as chair;
- 2 elected members appointed by the Majority Opposition Group; and
- 1 elected member appointed by each of the Minority Opposition Groups.

Officer representation:-

- Chief Executive
- Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability
- Director of Regional Economic Growth.

Co-options:-

- Up to 3 members co-opted by the Group.

- 3.2 The Group may recommend to the City Administration Committee the appointment of a Vice Chair from among the Group's elected member representatives, who would convene meetings of the Group in the Chair's absence.

3.3 The Council subsequently appointed members to the Group as follows:-

Malcolm Balfour (Chair), Ken Andrew, Dr Martin Bartos (co-opted), Robert Connelly, Matt Kerr, Eva Murray, Rhiannon Spear and Christy Mearns.

The lead officer to support the Group was George Vincent, Divisional Director - Roads, Sustainability and Technical Services, and Transport Strategy, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability. Mr Vincent has now since retired and the new Lead Officer to support the TDSG will be Mr Stephen Gibson.

4 Meeting Arrangements

4.1 A meeting quorum is 3 elected members and 1 officer member of the Group.

4.2 The Group will meet on a quarterly basis, with additional meetings as necessary.

4.3 Papers prepared for the Group will normally be distributed to members at least 1 working week in advance of the meeting.

5 TDSG Meetings

5.1 At the inaugural meeting of the TDSG on 8 December 2020, the Group reviewed the Terms of Reference and received a general update on NTS2 / STPR2 / RTS / LTS. In addition, an update was given on the Connectivity Commission Phase 2 and Bus Partnership Fund.

5.2 At the same meeting, an update was presented on STPR2 covering the Transport Investment Programme from 2022 until 2042. The group members were also given an insight into the Scottish Transport Appraisals Group (STAG) update which included a Case for Change report and an idea that the STPR2 programme would specifically focus on Scotland's key transport assets.

5.3 At the 9 February 2021 TDSG meeting, the Group were given presentations on the upcoming Glasgow Transport Strategy, an update on sustainability and carbon in relation to Transport projects and an indication of the details of the Climate Emergency Implementation Plan.

The Group also discussed the best way to progress the Terms of Reference against which the Glasgow Transport Strategy should be properly scrutinised and also help to inform future agendas.

5.4 At its meeting on 25 May 2021, the Group heard a presentation on the Glasgow Metro Feasibility Study. This Feasibility Study is to be undertaken on a Metro solution as an alternative to the Glasgow City Region City Deal Airport Access

Project, as a result of developments within the transport landscape and the findings of the Connectivity Commission.

- 5.5 At its meeting on 17 August 2021, the Group were also given an update of the Metro Feasibility Study along with a Bus Partnership Fund update. The Group also heard that a bus options study would be undertaken.

It was agreed to jointly commission a consultant with SPT to carry out a scoping study on the development and assessment of bus options in the city. The scoping brief of requirements would be provided to the consultant and SPT would undertake the procurement process and award of the commission.

- 5.6 At its most recent meeting of the Group on 10 February 2022, Ms Ellie Harrison of Get Glasgow Moving was invited to address the Group and give a presentation on Get Glasgow Moving's constitution, manifesto and objectives. In addition, Ms Harrison gave the Group sight of the petition "Get Glasgow Moving – World Class Transport for Glasgow" that had been submitted to the Wellbeing, Empowerment, Community and Citizen Engagement City Policy Committee on 24 January 2019.

Update reports were given by Officers on the Glasgow Bus Partnership and the recently announced Strategic Transport Projects Review 2 which was recently announced by Scottish Ministers on 20 January 2022. The closing date for consultation responses is 15 April 2022.

There was submitted a verbal update by Bailie Dr Bartos regarding the document "Transport for Strathclyde". Bailie Bartos outlined the aims of the document including the Public Transport Social Contract and the Next Steps. He also intimated that a letter had been sent to all local authorities to consider a unified position to achieve this vision. Details of the document can be accessed at <https://www.spt.co.uk/spt-across-the-region/about-spt>.

6 Benefits of TDSG

- 6.1 Although there have been no direct recommendations forwarded to ESCR from TDSG, there has nonetheless been a lot of benefits since the inception of TDSG on 8 December 2020. The benefits derived for officers at such a meeting has helped informed thinking in a more informal environment. This has led to officers being aware of overarching strategies and have an early preview of these. The format of the Working Group meetings has also assisted officers thinking on how to take forward future agendas and input into large strategic programmes.
- 6.2 An example of the above was evidenced at the most recent meeting of the working group on 10 February when "Get Glasgow Moving" were invited along to make a presentation to the Group on how Glasgow can set about delivering a world class bus operation.

The presentation was well received and it gave the voluntary organisation an opportunity to put forward their ideas and be questioned on the main issues they perceive in relatively informal setting.

- 6.3 Given the benefits outlined above for both elected members and officers, it is anticipated that the Group will continue to meet on the same frequency in the future subject to consideration of how best to progress this work at the outset of the new Council term.”

7 Policy and Resource Implications

Resource Implications:

Financial: None at present.

Legal: None.

Personnel: None.

Procurement: None.

Council Strategic Plan: Sustainable and Low Carbon City.
• We have more sustainable, integrated transport networks across the City and less congestion.
Priority numbers 53, 55, 57 and 58.

Equality and Socio-Economic Impacts:

Does the proposal support the Council's Equality Outcomes 2021-25? Please specify. N/A

What are the potential equality impacts as a result of this report? N/A

Please highlight if the policy/proposal will help address socio-economic disadvantage. N/A

Climate Impacts:

Does the proposal support any Climate Plan actions? Please specify: N/A

What are the potential climate impacts as a result of this proposal? N/A

Will the proposal contribute to Glasgow's net zero carbon target? N/A

Sustainability Impacts:

Environmental None.

Social, including Article 20 Opportunities: None.

Economic: None.

Privacy and Data Protection Impacts: None identified.

8 Recommendations

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