

Transport Strategic Policy Committee

**Minutes of Meeting held at 9.00am on Tuesday, 12th November, 2019,
in Training Room, City Hall, Galway**

Present:	Cllr. Eddie Hoare, Chairman Cllr. Alan Cheevers Cllr. Clodagh Higgins Cllr. Colette Connolly Cllr. Noel Larkin Cllr. Pauline O'Reilly Cllr. Peter Keane Ms. Elaine Brick, Galway Chamber of Commerce Mr. Paul O'Donnell, Community Network Mr. Shane Foran, Community Network
In attendance:	Ms. Ruth McNally, Director of Services, GCC Mr. Uinsinn Finn, Senior Engineer, GCC Ms. Anne Ruane, Administrative Officer, GCC Mr. Jimmy Callan, Senior Executive Engineer, GCC Ms. Martina Golding, Clerical Officer, GCC
Apologies:	Cllr. Mike Cubbard, Mayor Mr. Pat Hardiman, Irish Congress of Trade Unions

No.	Item
	<p>The Director of the Transport Directorate, Ruth McNally welcomed the new Chairman, Cllr. Eddie Hoare, and new members of the Transport SPC to the meeting.</p> <p>It was confirmed that a schedule of meetings would be agreed and the Work Programme for 2019/2020 would be deferred to the next scheduled meeting. Going forward, it was also noted that the SPC meetings would deal with matters of policy and not day to day issues whatsoever.</p>
1.	<p>The Chair welcomed Mr. Brian Connolly, and Mr. Sean Kyne of Bus Éireann to the meeting. A copy of a power point presentation was circulated to members and Mr. Connolly made the presentation with an input from Mr. Sean Kyne.</p> <p>The Chair and members thanked both Brian and Sean for their informative presentation. Following the presentation, the members raised a number of queries which were addressed.</p> <p>A number of queries were raised as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Query re pinch points in the City for buses and how Galway City Council can assist Bus Éireann.• Query in relation to research in relation to school transport.• Consideration for extra buses for Salthill during the Summer months.• Request for a bus service along Circular Road.• Provision of extra bus shelters.• Requirement for bus to go across the Quincentennial Bridge.• Cost of bus fares and in particular for families being excessive.• Query re dialogue between NTA and Bus Éireann.• Pinch point at the GMIT.

	<p>Response from both Brian Connolly and Sean Kyne:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting will be held with the NTA to discuss pinch points and to look at short term solutions. • Raw data to RTPI signs is correct. • Quincentenary Bridge route is decision of NTA with whom there are ongoing consultations. • Bus Éireann have no remit over school transport. This is governed by Department of Education. • Bus route through UCHG grounds is being progressed by the NTA. • The provision of bus stops including bus stop at GMIT will be considered in the context of the City Centre Traffic Management Plan in particular the implementation of the rationalised cross city bus routes. • Additional supply of buses for Salthill routes during summer and as well as a general increase in frequency of services all year round. • Supply of bus route on Circular Road under consideration. • Pricing is set by the NTA each year and the Council has no remit in this. • Real Time Passenger Information App is supplied by NTA. Galway out performs other cities. • Proposed to increase the double decker fleet to 30 buses. • The proposed Park & Ride sites to be provided by Galway City Council will take into consideration strategic locations to optimise public efficiency of public transport routes.. • In 50% of journeys, people are using the Leap Card. • Route 407 dropped from Bothar an Choiste to schools due to resource funding not being available. • 2020 – action plans for specific events will be in place. • Bus Éireann are open to suggestions on use of grounds / routes. Will have consultations with NTA based on customer feedback. <p>A request was made for a follow up presentation by Bus Éireann in 2020.</p>
<p>2 & 3.</p>	<p><u>Minutes of Transportation SPC Meeting & Matters arising:-</u></p> <p>The minutes of the previous SPC dated the 23rd April 2019 were noted.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p><u>Corporate Plan 2019-2024 – Update by Ms. Eithne Murphy, Senior Executive Officer.</u></p> <p>Eithne Murphy gave an update to the members on the Corporate Plan 2019 – 2024. The members thanked Eithne for the update.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p><u>Overview of Galway Transport Strategy Implementation:-</u></p> <p>The overview was given by Mr. U. Finn, SE, on various projects with input from Mr. J. Callan, SEE, on the Pedestrianisation Scheme in Shop Street. Reference was made to the Annual Service Delivery Plan. Workshop is to take place on the 29th November, 2019, in City Museum, with various groups.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p><u>Work Programme for 2020:-</u></p> <p>Deferred to next SPC Meeting.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p><u>Any Other Business:-</u></p> <p>It was agreed to hold a meeting of the SPC on <i>Tuesday, 17th December, 2019, at 2.00 pm.</i></p> <p>Meetings for 2020 were agreed as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday, 21st January, 2020, at 8.30 am • Tuesday, 21st April, 2020, at 8.30 am • Tuesday, 8th September, 2020, at 8.30 am • Tuesday, 10th November, 2020, at 9.00 am

