



## Minutes of Board Meeting

**Held in NTA Offices, Smithfield on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

### **Board Members in attendance**

Mr Peter Strachan (Chairperson), Mr Hugh Creegan (Interim CEO), Mr Pat Mangan, Mr Brian McCormick, Mr Richard Shakespeare (CEO of Dublin City Council), Ms Ann Fitzgerald, Mr Iain Docherty, Mr Frank O'Connor, Ms Eleanor O'Neill, Ms Joyce Loughnan.

### **Others in attendance**

All Items: Mr Jeremy Ryan, Director of Public Transport Services; Mr Declan Sheehan, Chief Information Officer; Mr Bernard Higgins, Director of Transport Technology; Mr Kevin O'Brien, Director of Transport Regulation; Mr Richard Kelly, HEO (Minutes); Mr Gerard Cuddihy, Head of Governance - Chief Risk Officer.

Item 6: Aidan Gallagher, Head of BusConnects Dublin Infrastructure; Mr Fran Kehoe, Procurement.

Items 7, 8 and 9: Mr David O'Flynn, Group Head of Finance and Deputy CFO; Mr Gerard McBrien, Risk Manager

Item 11: Ms Grainne Mackin, Director of Communication for BusConnects Dublin.

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### **1. Declarations of Interest**

#### **a) Declarations of Interest**

None

### **2. Minutes**

#### **a) Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The draft minutes of the Board meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2025 were approved.

### **3. Matters Arising & Board Schedule**

The Board noted that the appointment of Brian McCormick to the position of Chairperson of the Audit and Risk Committee (ARC) for a three-year term had been approved by correspondence in the

period since the April 2025 meeting.

#### **4. CEO Report & Statement of Strategy Quarterly Update**

##### **a) CEO Report**

The Interim Chief Executive outlined key developments since the last meeting and provided an update on various items. The Interim Chief Executive then responded to queries and other matters raised by Board members.

#### **5. Capital Programme Committee Report**

##### **a) Report from Committee Meeting**

Mr Docherty provided an update report from the May meeting of the Capital Programme Committee. The Committee considered two items at its meeting:

- Award of Framework Contracts and Call-off Contract Process for BusConnects Dublin; and
- Approval Gate 3 Decision for the BusConnects Dublin Liffey Valley to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme.

##### **b) MetroLink Status Update**

Mr Creegan provided an overview of the status of the MetroLink project and ongoing engagements with TII and the Department of Transport in relation to the delivery arrangements for the project.

The Board noted the update provided by Mr Creegan.

#### **6. BusConnects Dublin**

##### **a) Award of Framework Contract and Call-off Contract Process**

Mr Gallagher provided an overview of the Framework Contract and Call-off Contract process in relation to the construction contracts for BusConnects Dublin and then responded to questions from Board members.

Following the overview provided, the Board approved the award of:

(i) multi-supplier Framework Agreements to facilitate the successful delivery of the BusConnects Dublin Core Bus Corridor Infrastructure Works to:

- John Graham Construction Limited;
- John Sisk and Son (Holdings) Limited;
- Farrans Construction trading as a division of Northstone (NI) Limited;
- Wills Bros Limited;
- GMC Utilities Group; and
- Jons Civil Engineering;

and

(ii) a call-off contract for the construction of the BusConnects Dublin Liffey Valley to City Centre Scheme Core Bus Corridor Scheme to GMC Utilities Group in accordance with their tender submission.

**b) Approval Gate 3 Decision for Liffey Valley Core Bus Corridor Scheme**

Mr Gallagher provided an overview of the Approval Gate 3 Decision which is being sought for the Liffey Valley to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme and responded to questions from Board members.

Following the overview provided, the Board provided authorisation for Approval Gate 3 (under the Infrastructure Guidelines) for the Liffey Valley to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme.

**7. ARC (Audit and Risk Committee)**

Mr McCormick outlined the main issues discussed at the ARC meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> May last and responded to questions from Board members.

**8. Finance Matters**

**a) Finance Report**

Mr O'Flynn provided an update on the Authority's current financial position and responded to questions from Board members.

**9. Risk & Governance Matters**

**a) Risk Update**

The Board noted the Risk Report provided by Mr Cuddihy.

**b) Revised Corporate Governance Framework**

Mr Cuddihy provided an overview of the Revised Corporate Governance Framework for the NTA and then responded to questions from Board members.

Following the overview provided, the Board approved the Revised Corporate Governance Framework subject to a number of changes identified by the Board being included.

**10. Strategic Risk Review – Failure to ensure service resilience and continuity**

Mr Ryan provided an overview of the Strategic Risk Review in respect of the failure to ensure service resilience and continuity. Following the overview provided, Mr Ryan responded to questions from Board members.

The Board noted the update provided by Mr Ryan.

**11. BusConnects Communication Plan (for Core Bus Corridor projects)**

Ms Mackin provided an overview of the BusConnects communications plan for the Core Bus Corridor projects, detailing how communications will be managed during the construction phase. Following the overview provided, Ms Mackin responded to questions from the Board members.

**12. AOB**

None

**Next Meeting: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at NTA HQ (time to be confirmed).**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chairperson**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_