

TAYSIDE AND CENTRAL SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP**21 JUNE 2011****TAYPLAN PROPOSED STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN****REPORT BY STRATEGY MANAGER**

This report seeks the Partnership's approval for a proposed response to the formal representation stage for the TAYplan Proposed Strategic Development Plan 2012 – 2032 and Proposed Action Programme.

1 RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 That the Partnership responds to the formal representation stage for the TAYplan Proposed Strategic Development Plan 2012 – 2032 and Proposed Action Programme, as discussed in sections 3.6 to 3.8 of the report.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At its meeting on 15 December 2009 the Partnership received a presentation by the TAYplan Strategic Development Planning Authority Manager on progress in the preparation of the Strategic Development Plan (SDP) for Dundee, Perth & Kinross, Angus and North Fife. It was noted that Tactran has a "Key Agency" role in the SDP process and that the Partnership would receive reports at key stages of the SDP process to future meetings.
- 2.2 At its meeting on 15 June 2010 the Partnership approved consultation responses to TAYplan's Main Issues Report and Environmental Report (Report RTP/10/11 refers).

3 DISCUSSION

- 3.1 TAYplan published the Proposed Strategic Development Plan 2012 – 2032, Proposed Action Programme and Equalities and Human Rights Impact Assessment for an 8-week period of formal representation on 6 June 2011, ending on 1 August 2011. The representations received will then be considered and TAYplan will determine whether any modifications should be made to the Plan and Action Programme prior to submission to Scottish Ministers by January 2012. Approval of the two documents is anticipated before the end of December 2012. The consultation documents are available for inspection at: <http://www.tayplan-sdpa.gov.uk/>.

- 3.2 The Proposed SDP sets the vision and objectives for the period up to 2032 and the Policies and Proposals to deliver them, including a spatial strategy of where development should be permitted. In transport terms, the SDP supports a shift from car and road-based freight transport in favour of more sustainable modes and travel behaviour. It proposes to locate most of the region's development in principal settlements; to improve accessibility to jobs and services; reduce resource consumption; and reduce the need to travel by car. The Plan Policies cover a range of topics with Policy 1 Location Priorities; Policy 2 Shaping Better Quality Places; Policy 3 Managing TAYplan's Assets; Policy 4 Strategic Development Areas; Policy 7 Town Centres; and Policy 8 Delivering the SDP all supporting the transport aims and objectives set out in the RTS.
- 3.3 The Proposed Action Programme accompanies the Proposed Plan and sets out the strategic actions and partnership required to deliver the SDP vision and spatial strategy. The Actions have been developed in consultation with Key Stakeholders and many are drawn from existing proposals contained within the Tactran and SEStran Regional Transport Strategies, and Transport Scotland's Strategic Transport Projects Review. It is noted that funding commitment will be dependent on future Government spending reviews and public and private sector finance. The Action Programme will be reviewed every other year.
- 3.4 The Equalities and Human Rights Impact Assessment aims to ensure that opportunities are taken to promote equality as well as other human rights. A Draft of the Assessment was the subject of a report to the Partnership on 15 June 2010 (Report RTP/10/11 refers), when it was noted that the majority of positive impacts on target groups are related to increased accessibility to new developments by non-car modes. The full Assessment does not identify any negative impacts on any equality target group therefore it is not proposed to respond to this element of the consultation.
- 3.5 Tactran officers have been closely involved throughout the development of the Proposed SDP and Proposed Action Programme, while the Partnership was formally consulted on the Main Issues Report and Draft Equalities and Human Rights Impact Assessment. Consequently there are a limited number of issues on which it is proposed that the Partnership makes formal comment in the finalised documents.
- 3.6 In relation to the Proposed Plan, it is proposed that the Partnership indicates support for the relevant Proposed Policies listed in paragraph 3.3 of this report. The Proposals 1: Map on page 7 of Plan appears to omit identification of a location for the proposed Dundee West element of the package of Strategic Park & Ride sites around Dundee, as identified in the Regional Park & Ride Strategy and STPR. It is recommended that this location should be identified on the Proposals Map, in line with the inclusion in the Proposals Map and Proposed Action Programme of other Park & Ride locations to the north, east and south of Dundee.

- 3.7 In relation to the Proposed Action Programme, it is proposed that an alternative form of wording to more accurately reflect the statutory role of RTSs is included on page 4 of the Action Programme, as follows :-

Regional Transport Strategies are statutory documents which provide an analysis of transport characteristics, provision, trends and issues within their associated region and set out a Vision and Objectives over a 10 – 15 year horizon for meeting the transport needs of people and businesses throughout their regions. Two Regional Transport Partnerships' strategies cover the TAYplan area – the Tayside and Central Scotland Transport Partnership (Tactran) covers Angus, Dundee City and Perth & Kinross and the South East of Scotland Transport Partnership, (SEStran) covers North Fife.

- 3.8 It is also proposed that the following presentational amendments are made to the Action Programme :-

- (i) on page 21 there is reference to a feasibility study for Project/Proposal 19 : Perth A9 North of Perth Park & Ride being proposed for 2011/12. The recently approved 2011/12 RTS Revenue Programme does not provide for this work. It is suggested that the reference in the Action Programme is amended to delete reference to when this feasibility study will be undertaken.
- (ii) on page 25 there is reference to Proposal/Proposal 26 : A Transport Appraisal for Newburgh as being in the Tactran RTS. This should read the SEStran RTS.
- (iii) on page 27, in relation to Project/Proposal 30 : Growth in services at Dundee Airport, the Lead Partner is shown as Tactran. This should be HIAL, with Tactran (RTS) shown as a supporting partner.

- 3.9 The proposed responses to the Proposed Plan and Action Programme, as outlined above, will be made using TAYplan's on-line response system.

4 CONSULTATIONS

- 4.1 Tactran officers have been closely involved in the various stakeholder consultation fora which have been established by TAYplan to inform the development of the SDP and Action Programme.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no resource implications arising directly from this report.

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NOTE

Background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (and not containing confidential or exempt information) which were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above Report :-

Report to Partnership, RTP/10/11, Strategic and Local Development Plan, 15 June 2010

TAYplan Proposed Strategic Development Plan 2012 - 2032

TAYplan Proposed Action Programme

TAYplan Equalities and Human Rights Impact Assessment