

TAYSIDE AND CENTRAL SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP

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RTS DELIVERY PLAN: 2018 PROGRESS REPORT

REPORT BY SENIOR STRATEGY OFFICER

This report informs the Partnership of progress in delivering the Regional Transport Strategy Delivery Plan.

1 RECOMMENDATIONS

1.1 That the Partnership:-

- (i) notes progress in delivering the RTS Delivery Plan 2016-2021 as summarised in the report and reported in Appendix A; and
- (ii) agrees to receive a further review of the RTS Delivery Plan following the outcomes of the National Transport Strategy Review.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Following Ministerial approval of the Regional Transport Strategy 2015-2036 Refresh (Report RTP/15/29 refers), a comprehensive review of all relevant partner and stakeholder national, regional and local action plans and programmes was undertaken and a refreshed RTS Delivery Plan was approved by the Partnership at its meeting on 14 June 2016 (Report RTP/16/19 refers).
- 2.2 At the same meeting, the Partnership agreed to receive an annual Regional Transport Strategy Monitoring and Delivery report at the June quarterly meeting. Due to staff resource constraints an update was not provided in June 2017. As discussed in an earlier report to this meeting, it is proposed that an RTS Monitoring Framework progress report is reported to the next Partnership meeting on 25 September 2018.

3 DISCUSSIONIntroduction

- 3.1 The purpose of the RTS Delivery Plan is to set out the projects which support the fulfilment of the RTS objectives and policies. Many of these projects have been identified from partners' plans and programmes and accordingly seek to support:
 - Local Outcomes Improvement Plans (LOIPs);
 - Development Plans;
 - the National Transport Strategy and Local Transport Strategies;

- emerging City Deals.
- 3.2 The RTS has identified a series of detailed strategies and frameworks to support its objectives, with each of these detailed strategies and frameworks containing policy actions. The Delivery Plan identifies the key projects which help deliver these policy actions.
- 3.3 The Delivery Plan is not intended to be a fully costed programme. It is a framework for determining associated capital and revenue programmes and priorities which may be implemented by the Partnership, its partner Councils, Scottish Government, Transport Scotland and other relevant delivery agencies.
- 3.4 The Delivery Plan concentrates on projects that will be delivered or developed over the first 5 years of the RTS Refresh (i.e. 2016-2021) and it will be updated at appropriate intervals. Prioritisation and implementation of individual RTS interventions is subject to resource availability and appraisal against RTS objectives. Securing the revenue and capital finances necessary to support delivery of the RTS is an ongoing and significant challenge for the Partnership and its partners.

Partner plans & programmes adopted since June 2016

- 3.5 It is important that the Delivery Plan remains up to date by reflecting emerging priorities in partners' plans and programmes. In the period since 2016 the Scottish Government has issued a refresh of the National Transport Strategy, all of the region's planning authorities have produced revised action programmes (6 adopted, 1 in draft form) to support their Local Development Plans, and each of the Community Planning Partnerships have adopted LOIPs. In addition Stirling Council adopted a revised Local Transport Strategy in December 2016.
- 3.6 Many of the actions included in these plans and programmes are already included in the Delivery Plan. However, the following actions included in the revised plans and programmes are not currently included in the Delivery Plan:
- A91 junction and widening improvements, Stirling (Stirling LDP/LTS)
 - Regional park and ride opportunities serving Stirling to the north east of the City (Stirling LDP/LTS)
 - Investigate whether a relocated Bridge of Allan Station supports LTS objectives (Stirling LDP/LTS)
 - Support Low Carbon Transport & Travel Hubs (Perth & Kinross LOIP)
 - Great Trossachs Path: Callander to Inversnaid (Stirling Active Travel Plan)
- 3.7 These projects have been included within the RTS Delivery Plan: 2018 Progress Report to reflect strategic priorities and actions being sought by partners.

Other proposed amendments

- 3.8 The review of Delivery Plan progress highlighted that a number of active travel activities were being undertaken and supported by the Partnership, but were not represented by RTS projects, namely:
- Promoting cycle hire schemes: Supporting safer routes to school and other educational establishments;
 - Supporting active travel audits.
- 3.9 These projects have been included within the RTS Delivery Plan: 2018 Progress Report to better reflect the range of work being undertaken by the partners.
- 3.10 All the LOIPs place emphasis on actions to improve access to jobs, services and opportunities. Projects to address this issue are largely included under the 'Buses' and 'Travel Information' sections. To better relate the 'delivery theme' heading to the objectives of both the RTS and the LOIPs the 'Buses' detailed strategy has been renamed 'Buses and Community Transport'.

Timescale for review of the RTS Delivery Plan

- 3.11 At its meeting on 14 June 2016 the Partnership agreed to receive an annual Regional Transport Strategy Monitoring and Delivery Report. However, given the variable pace of progress on many of the Delivery Plan projects, and recognising that progress reports are regularly presented to the Partnership on issues such as Active Travel, Travel Planning, Rail etc. whilst also having regard to the resource implications for Tactran and its partners, it is suggested that annual reporting on the Delivery Plan may be too frequent.
- 3.12 In addition, the ongoing review of the National Transport Strategy and forthcoming review of the Strategic Transport Projects Review, coupled with the emerging City Deals and LOIP Action Plans and Locality Plans, are all contributing to a particularly dynamic period over the next 12 – 18 months. It is, therefore, recommended that a decision on the most appropriate period for reviewing and reporting on progress on the RTS Delivery Plan is taken after the outcome of the NTS review, scheduled for June 2019, when future roles and responsibilities will also be clarified.

Progress

- 3.13 The Delivery Plan includes 147 projects. Table 1 summarises the progress of the projects against each of the detailed strategies and frameworks:

Table 1: Summary of progress of projects contained in the Delivery Plan

Delivery Theme	Total Projects	implemented (No./%)	on programme (No./%)	behind programme (No./%)	not yet progressed (No./%)
Strategic Connectivity	21	0	16 (76%)	0	5 (24%)
Health and Transport	24	0	19 (79%)	4 (17%)	1 (4%)
Active Travel	31	2 (6%)	16 (52%)	0	13 (42%)
Travel Planning	9	0	8 (89%)	1 (11%)	0
Buses & community transport solutions	12	1 (8%)	8 (67%)	2 (17%)	1 (8%)
Park and Ride	14	3 (21%)	7 (50%)	0	4 (29%)
Rail	13	1 (8%)	8 (61%)	0	4 (31%)
Freight	5	1 (20%)	2 (40%)	0	2 (40%)
Travel Information	10	3 (30%)	5 (50%)	1 (10%)	1 (10%)
Climate Change	8	0	8 (100%)	0	0
Total	147	11 (8%)	97 (66%)	8 (5%)	31 (21%)

3.14 As can be seen from Table 1 above, of the 147 projects in the Delivery Plan 11 projects (8%) have been implemented. A further 97 projects (66%) are on programme; 8 projects (5%) are behind programme and 31 projects (21%) have not yet been progressed.

4 CONSULTATIONS

4.1 The RTS Delivery Plan: 2018 Progress Report has been prepared in consultation with relevant partners including constituent Councils, Health Boards, Transport Scotland, Network Rail, ScotRail, the Fire & Rescue Service, SEPA, Highland Spring and Highlands and Islands Airport Limited.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

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

6 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

6.1 This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Equality Impact Assessment and no major issues have been identified.

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NOTE

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

Report to Partnership RTP/13/28 Review of Regional Transport Strategy Delivery Plan, 17 September 2013

Report to Partnership RTP/15/29 Finalised RTS Refresh 2015-2036, 15 September 2015

Report to Partnership RTP/16/07 RTS Delivery Plan Progress Update, 8 March 2016

Report to Partnership RTP/16/19 Review of RTS Delivery Plan, 14 June 2016