

TAYSIDE AND CENTRAL SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP

15 JUNE 2021

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The report asks the Partnership to delegate Tactran's response to Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) consultation on their draft Regional Transport Strategy Case for Change report to the Director. The Partnership is also asked to note updates on the Tactran office accommodation; equalities reporting and Regional EV Strategy.

1 RECOMMENDATIONS

1.1 That the Partnership:

- (i) delegates the response to the Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) consultation on their draft Regional Transport Strategy Case for Change report to the Director; and
- (ii) notes updates on the Tactran office accommodation; equalities reporting and Regional EV Strategy.

2 DISCUSSION**SPT draft Regional Transport Strategy Case for Change consultation**

2.1 Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) are currently consulting on their Regional Transport Strategy Case for Change report. The Director intends to hold any required meetings with SPT to assist them in developing their Case for Change rather than submitting a written response.

Office Accommodation

2.2 The Partnership delegated to the Director the authority to consider office accommodation options and make a decision on the future office location for Tactran. Following an appraisal of the options available in terms of office space and cost within Perth and Kinross, the option that provides the best value for money was to remain at Bordeaux House. A new lease has been agreed with the landlords for a 4 year period with a 2 year break clause with the same terms and conditions. This allows us the flexibility to review office accommodation in the next 2 years as we start to understand working patterns following Covid-19.

Equalities Reporting

2.3 The Executive Committee approved Tactran's [Mainstreaming the Equality Duty Report and Employee Information](#) for 2021 and [Equality Outcomes Report 2021](#) and these were subsequently submitted to the Equality and Human Rights Commission in April 2021.

Regional EV Strategy Update

- 2.4 The Regional EV Strategy was approved by the Partnership in September 2019 with the associated Delivery Plan being approved by the Partnership in June 2020 (Reports RTP/19/35 and RTP/20/24 refer respectively). Updates on progress have been provided at regular intervals through the Budget and Monitoring Reports. Appendix A provides a summary of the Delivery Plan Actions and Outputs undertaken to date.
- 2.5 A Steering Group comprising officers from Tactran, the 4 constituent Councils and Transport Scotland, supported by Urban Foresight, continue to take forward actions within the Delivery Plan.
- 2.6 Discussions are ongoing with the Steering Group looking to take forward the following key actions in 2021/22:

Supporting Vehicle Uptake

- Establish a regional Fleet Manager forum to trial electric vehicles and share technical experiences to assist in building business cases for further deployment.
- Share the development of EV charging tariff policies in the region.

Developing Infrastructure

- Regional co-ordination of infrastructure provision, building on the regional mapping undertaken.
- Monitor and review infrastructure milestones set out in the regional roadmap to meet infrastructure requirements by 2032.

Promoting Electric Vehicles

- A joint approach to the promotion of electric vehicles across the region under the Drive Electric banner building on the work undertaken by [DriveDundeeElectric](#) to date to deliver a consistent regional approach for the end user but retaining the local flexibility for each of the authorities to deliver their key messages.
- 2.7 Transport Scotland has attended the majority of Steering Group meetings and have fully backed the regional approach to delivering the EV strategy and have indicated that future funding bids from a regional perspective would be welcomed.
- 2.8 Transport Scotland has been working with the Scottish Futures Trust (SFT) to review financing and delivery models in which future investment in Scotland's public EV charging network can be provided. This work, highlighted at Cosla's 12 February Environment and Economy meeting, has shown that whilst it is necessary to ensure that availability of public EV charging infrastructure continues to grow ahead of demand, there is a need to transition away from the

current ChargePlace Scotland model to accelerate private investment in Scotland.

- 2.9 Transport Scotland are focussing upon 'mixed-economy' approaches to enable the private sector to assume greater responsibility for installation, operation and maintenance of public EV charge points as well as accepting revenue risk. This could be achieved, for example, through 5 to 10 year concession-type agreements with local authorities and other public sector partners. To facilitate the new approach, Transport Scotland are in the early stages of developing a new programme with a view to rolling it out later this year. This will include further engagement with local authorities and other public sector bodies as well as private network operators.

3 CONSULTATIONS

- 3.1 Elements of the report have been the subject of consultation with partner Councils, other RTPs, Transport Scotland and other partners/stakeholders, as appropriate.

4 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 This report has no direct or additional financial or other resource implications.

5 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 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

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 this Report:

Report to Partnership RTP/19/35, Regional Electric Vehicle Strategy, 17 September 2019

Report to Partnership RTP/20/24, Tactran Regional EV Strategy: Delivery Plan Update, 16 June 2020



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Appendix A

Tactran

Tactran EV Strategy

Delivery Plan

Action Update



Supporting Vehicle Uptake

Action	Delivery Plan Action	Deliverable /Output
Private Cars		
1.1.1 Adopt a shared set of principles that EV charging tariffs are based on across the Tactran region and coordinate their introduction.	<i>Collate current tariffs from 4 Local Authorities and across Scotland</i>	Data on current tariff situation across Scotland. EV charging tariff calculator issued.
1.1.3 Agree a set of principles which parking policy and management should consider to support EV uptake, based on a shared evidence base and best practice across the region.	<i>Collate current parking policies from 4 Local Authorities and across Scotland</i>	Parking information for each LA shared as well as UK best practice.
Shared Mobility		
1.2.2 Explore with local planning authorities the provision of electric car club vehicles (and associated charging infrastructure) as part of new housing developments.	<i>Collate current planning conditions from 4 Local Authorities and across Scotland</i>	Collation of planning conditions in Tactran region and best practice from UK.
1.2.3 Work with car club operators to address some of the barriers to greater levels of uptake, e.g., dependence on a back-to-base model.	<i>Collate current car club data and share data</i>	Current situation across Tactran region along with challenges and opportunities for electric car clubs
1.2.4 Work with car club operators to improve information (including in-vehicle information) on using electric car club vehicles.	<i>Collate current car club data and share data</i>	As above.
Public Sector Fleets		
1.3.2 Deliver a forum for the public sector fleets to share data and learning from EV deployment to accelerate the transition and identify barriers to adoption.	<i>Share data on current EV projects</i>	Contact details for fleet managers in the region shared along with list of ongoing projects.

Public Sector Fleets (continued)		
1.3.3 Set up the region as a recognised testing ground for new vehicles with the mix of urban and rural settings being ideal to prove technology.	<i>Lead partner undertaking. Progress reporting to forum.</i>	Details of region wide projects and example letter for establishing exemplar region
Taxi & Private Hire Fleets		
1.4.1 Identify current best practice across the region and share with other authorities to give consistent and progressive approach.	<i>Collate current taxi rules and policies relating to electric vehicles</i>	Summary of incentives, best practices, and areas for development identified for each authority.
Business Fleets		
1.5.1 Introduce a scheme to directly support local businesses to help them understand and consider the financial and environmental benefits of driving an electric vehicle.	<i>Present proposal for business support in region</i>	List of current schemes available and example of bespoke Fleet Revolution scheme for businesses.
HGVs and Large Service Vehicles		
1.6.1 Undertake a pilot of plug-in electric refuse collection vehicles within an urban area (Dundee).	<i>DCC to lead trial – report to follow from forum co-ordinator</i>	Information on the new Dundee electric RCV. COVID delayed further data – to follow.
Buses and Coaches		
1.7.1 Collectively learn lessons from Xplore Dundee’s electric bus pilot as well as international best practice.	<i>Gather lessons learned from Xplore</i>	Limited information on the Xplore electric bus pilot and other trials
1.7.3 Define and produce a clear direction of development for the region in relation to future zero emission buses.	<i>Feed back to Local Authorities on Vision 2030 project</i>	Details on the participating companies and next steps of the project

Developing infrastructure		
Action	Delivery Plan Action	Deliverable /Output
Long term management of public charging assets		
2.1.1 Develop an infrastructure roadmap to 2032 consisting of a set of key targets and milestones for regional wide infrastructure delivery.	<i>Create set of key targets and milestones to meet infrastructure targets to meet 2032 ambitions</i>	Targets and Milestones identified for each LA and regions as a whole up to 2032.
Deploying Public Charging Infrastructure		
2.2.4 Develop a GIS based map of the EV infrastructure in the region that includes future proposed additions to allow for a comprehensive overview of all the chargers in the region.	<i>Work with Transport Scotland and Local Authorities to deliver GIS based map of current and future projects</i>	GIS maps showing the current infrastructure across each LA and identify key gaps.
The development of charging hubs		
2.3.3 Formulate a regional off the shelf “shopping list” for the development of charging hubs in the region, allowing for quick and easy pricing of projects at development stage.	<i>Create “shopping list” of project costs</i>	Shopping list created for different types of infrastructure – provides ball park figures for funding bids.
Home Charging		
2.5.1 Develop a guidance document for local authorities to deploy when faced with any new housing developments	<i>Collate current guidance for new housing developments in relation to EVs and review government guidance</i>	Information provided on English, and Scottish housing development guidance with input from TS.

Promoting Electric Mobility		
Action	Delivery Plan Action	Deliverable /Output
Long term management of public charging assets		
3.1.2 Identify the appropriate body to deliver the communication strategy and to fully integrate with Transport Scotland’s engagement strategy as well as other back office providers engagement strategies.	<i>Work with Local Authorities to identify a suitable vehicle for region wide promotion</i>	Outline of joint regional campaign with logos for each LAs “Drive” campaign that could be rolled out
3.1.3 Create and maintain a list of the key benefits and incentives available across the region to support the uptake of electric vehicles.	<i>Collate a list of key region benefits and incentives</i>	Collation of benefits and incentives for EVs across the region
3.1.4 Fully integrate any communication strategy with existing promotional activities in the region, such as the Electric A9.	<i>Engage with Transport Scotland and Electric A9 promotion team</i>	Engaged with TS for collaboration with Electric A9 and other promotional activities
Deploying Public Charging Infrastructure		
3.3.3 Build a network of champions from across the business community to promote the benefits of fleet electrification.	<i>Work with Local Authorities to identify suitable business champions</i>	EV champions identified and information provided on types of champion and next steps.
The development of charging hubs		
3.4.1 Provide new and used car dealers with the knowledge, information and resources on the local benefits of transitioning to electric vehicles	<i>Gather information for providing to car dealers</i>	Information on benefits, infrastructure and charging of EVs across the region. Take forward as part of joint promotion.