



Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Annual Statement 2014/15

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Statement on Measures to Support Sustainable Economic Growth – 2014/15

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Tactran is the statutory Regional Transport Partnership covering the Angus, Dundee City, Perth & Kinross and Stirling Council areas. The Partnership's principal statutory duties are to :-
- create and oversee the delivery of the statutory Regional Transport Strategy (RTS);
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 - engage as a Key Agency in the Development Planning process at a regional and local level; and
 - support the achievement of statutory Climate Change objectives, as set out in the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 and associated Guidance.
- 1.2 The Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 requires listed public bodies to publish, as soon as reasonably practicable after the end of each financial year, a statement on the steps they have taken to promote and increase sustainable economic growth through the exercise of their functions. Regional Transport Partnerships (RTPs) are listed bodies within the Act.
- 1.3 This statement on Measures to Support Sustainable Economic Growth summarises the key areas of relevant Tactran activity during financial year 2014/15. It should be read in conjunction with the separate statement on Efficiency, Effectiveness and Economy, and the financial information that is also required to be published under the Act.
- 1.4 All of this information can be viewed on, or downloaded free of charge from, the Partnership's [website](#).

Regional Transport Strategy

- 1.5 The Tactran Regional Transport Strategy 2008 – 2023, approved by Ministers in June 2008, supports Scottish Government's central purpose to promote sustainable economic growth. The Strategy has at its heart 3 key strategic themes, which are to :-
- deliver economic prosperity;
 - connect communities and be socially inclusive; and
 - promote environmental sustainability, health and wellbeing.
- 1.6 Mapping of the 16 RTS Objectives against Scottish Government's Strategic Objectives and National Outcomes, as illustrated in Appendix C of the RTS, demonstrates close alignment with Scottish Government's strategic aims and priorities. The RTS and outcome mapping can be viewed on our [website](#).

Community Planning

- 1.7 The Partnership is a formal signatory to and is committed to supporting the delivery of the 4 Single Outcome Agreements (SOAs) covering the Angus, Dundee City, Perth & Kinross and Stirling Community Planning Partnership areas. Our RTS policies and Delivery Plan actions have been progressively aligned to support SOA priorities and related SOA Action Plans, to ensure that the Partnership's own activity and delivery priorities contribute to defined National and Local Outcomes, including those relating to sustainable economic growth.
- 1.8 RTS activity and priorities during 2014/15 which contributed to SOA outcomes included:-
- **supporting sustainable and vibrant economic growth** - through promoting and supporting enhancements to transport infrastructure and internal and external connectivity, including development of proposals for Park & Ride; improved rail services and connectivity through the Tay Estuary Rail Study and strategy (TERS) and membership of the East Coast Mainline Authorities (ECMA) forum; liaising with Transport Scotland and Network Rail on development of STPR proposals for improved strategic road/rail network connectivity nationally; and engaging proactively with all prospective bidders for the new ScotRail, Caledonian Sleeper and East Coast rail franchises commencing in 2015;
 - **supporting improvements in health and wellbeing, increased physical activity and reducing health inequalities** - through continued development of the Regional Health & Transport Framework and working with CPPs to develop locally relevant Health & Transport Action Plans; and working with Councils, Health Boards, Sustrans and other partners on the development of Active Travel strategies and delivery of supporting infrastructure regionally;
 - **contributing to community and road safety** - through partnering on the delivery of road safety education campaigns such as Safe Dive/Stay Alive in all 4 partner Council areas; supporting the national Give Me Cycle Space campaign in all 4 Council areas; and contributing, as appropriate, to delivery of local infrastructure improvements, promoting active travel and other initiatives;
 - **supporting the provision of high quality and accessible local services** - through ongoing development and implementation of our Buses Strategy, including funding support for Bus Investment Fund projects in Angus, Perth & Kinross and Stirling; Travel Information Strategy; Park & Ride Strategy; Walking & Cycling Strategy; and Tay Estuary Rail Strategy;
 - **supporting improvements in environmental quality and reduction in transport related carbon emissions** - through supporting public and private sector organisations to develop and implement Active Travel Plans; improved travel information; delivering more sustainable travel choices by developing Park & Ride; TERS rail service and infrastructure enhancements; progressing Freight Quality Partnership initiatives aimed at more sustainable transport of goods.

Development Planning

- 1.9 The designation of RTPs as statutory Key Agencies in the Development Planning process reflects the importance of ensuring that strategic transportation and land use policy and planning are aligned and integrated in a manner that supports sustainable economic growth.
- 1.10 Tactran's RTS promotes the principle that new development should be directed to the most economically and environmentally sustainable locations, supported by efficient, effective and sustainable transport systems and infrastructure, and that existing developments should adopt more sustainable approaches to meeting transport demands associated with employment, customers and goods deliveries. The Tactran Travel Plan Officer and our various Travel Plan "toolkits" are available to support public and private sector stakeholders in the creation, implementation and monitoring of effective Travel Plans.

Climate Change Public Sector Duties

- 1.11 RTPs are designated public bodies with a statutory responsibility to contribute to the delivery of emissions reduction targets and generally act in a way that supports national climate change mitigation and adaptation programmes and frameworks.
- 1.12 The Partnership employed consultancy support to undertake a Transport Carbon Assessment for the Tactran and TAYplan regions during 2012/13 and 2013/14, to identify possible approaches to setting targets for mitigating transport sector emissions regionally and in each local authority area within the Tactran and TAYplan regions. This work has informed the Partnership and also our partner Councils, Development Planning Authorities and Community Planning Partnerships understanding of and identification of proposed actions in relation to statutory Climate Change Act public sector duties, having specific regard to reducing the impacts of transport.
- 1.13 This work identified the following key options and actions as having most potential for enabling Tactran and other public sector partners to contribute cost-effectively towards transport carbon reduction :-
- continued promotion of Travel Planning and behavioural change;
 - support for development of eco-driving initiatives with public and private sector organisations;
 - promoting the positive role of Development Planning in supporting behavioural change in favour of more sustainable modes of transport/travel;
 - targeted development and promotion of low carbon vehicles and infrastructure.
- 1.14 The outputs from this work have been shared with all Community Planning Partnerships and Development Planning Authorities and are being used to inform prioritisation of the Partnership's own RTS Refresh and review of RTS delivery programmes and activity in 2014/15 and moving forward.
- 1.15 Tactran continues to work closely with a range of public and private sector employers to promote Travel Planning and behavioural change. During 2014/15 all of the Partnership's staff undertook fuel efficient driving training delivered by the Energy Savings Trust.

2 Measures to Support Sustainable Economic Growth

- 2.1 The RTS 2008 – 2023 fully recognises the key role that efficient, integrated and environmentally sustainable transport networks and infrastructure play in supporting an economically vibrant, environmentally responsible and inclusive society. The strategic aims and actions set out in the RTS, coupled with development of the delivery proposals and priorities in the RTS Delivery Plan, are designed to support and promote sustainable economic growth locally, regionally and nationally.
- 2.2 The RTS Delivery Plan sets out the Partnership's proposals for successful implementation and realisation of the RTS Vision and Objectives. The Delivery Plan is a framework for determining priorities for improving transport infrastructure, services and facilities in consultation with our partner Councils, Transport Scotland and other agencies.
- 2.3 Specific measures which the Partnership has progressed and/or implemented through its 2014/15 Revenue and Capital Programmes, and through its activity generally in fulfilment of its statutory role and duties during 2014/15, are summarised below. Further detailed information on projects, initiatives and the Partnership's activity generally can be obtained by visiting our [website](#).

Integrating Strategic Transportation and Land Use Planning

- 2.4 In line with its statutory Key Agency role in Development Planning, Tactran contributed to and commented formally during 2014/15 on the following :-
- Dundee City Council Supplementary Guidance on Air Quality and Land Use
 - Loch Lomonds & The Trossachs National Park Main Issues Report
 - TAYplan 2016 – 2036 Main Issues Report
- 2.5 In addition to the above formal consultations the Partnership's Officers continued to engage with Strategic and Local Development Planning authorities supporting development and ensuring alignment of Development Plans and their supporting Action Programmes with the RTS and Delivery Plan.
- 2.6 Tactran will continue to engage proactively in the various Development Planning processes, and will comment formally and input to the relevant Main Issues Reports, Proposed Plans and Action Programmes as these come forward and evolve.
- 2.7 During 2014/15 the Partnership commenced and aligned the first statutory review and refresh of the RTS with the second iteration of the TAYplan Strategic Development Plan. Tactran and TAYplan undertook a joint Main Issues public consultation during the summer of 2014. This has informed further work during the remainder of the year, leading to a wider stakeholder consultation on the RTS Refresh during the Spring of 2015, the outcome of which will be reported to the Partnership in June 2015, with a view to seeking approval of a finalised RTS Refresh covering the period 2015 – 2036 for submission for Ministerial approval.

RTS Project Development and Delivery

- 2.8 The policies, proposals and priority actions which are required to deliver the RTS Vision and Objectives are set out in the current RTS 2008 – 2023; its associated sub-Strategies for Walking & Cycling; Buses; Park & Ride; Travel Information; Health & Transport Framework; Tay Estuary Rail Strategy; Freight Quality Partnership Action Plan; and in the RTS Delivery Plan.
- 2.9 Projects and initiatives progressed and/or implemented through our 2014/14 Revenue and Capital Programmes are highlighted below.

Strategic Connectivity

- 2.10 The Tactran region is a vitally important nationally strategic corridor. Uniquely, the region includes 3 of Scotland's 7 cities, Dundee, Perth and Stirling, whilst the region lies at the heart of the strategic network connecting all of Scotland's cities. Supporting and developing the efficiency and contribution of these strategic road and rail connections is crucial to ensuring that Scotland's 7 cities are well connected and remain vibrant contributors to local, regional and national economic growth and prosperity.
- 2.11 Tactran liaises on an ongoing basis with Transport Scotland, partner and neighbouring Councils, adjoining RTPs, the rail industry and a wide range of other stakeholders on the development of the strategic transport network and through development of our RTS priorities and those STPR proposals which relate to enhancement of the region's road, rail and air connectivity.

Road Connectivity

- 2.12 Through the 2014/15 Tactran Capital Programme the Partnership and Perth & Kinross Council funded ongoing design feasibility work on the proposed **A94 – A9 Cross Tay Link Road (CTLR)** and remodelling of the **A9/A85 Junction**. These projects will improve strategic connectivity within the region and are vital to realising the economic growth potential of Perth City through addressing growing traffic congestion and air quality management issues within the City Centre and on its key approaches.
- 2.13 In partnership with Dundee City Council, Perth & Kinross Council, SEStran, Fife Council and Transport Scotland, work continued on developing **Strategic Park & Ride/Choose** proposals set out in the STPR and the Regional Park & Ride Strategy. A preferred site has been identified for a facility at Tay South on A92(T)/B946 immediately south of the Tay Bridge. Following earlier refusal of planning consent for a proposed site to the west of Dundee further consultation will be undertaken with Transport Scotland and Dundee City Council on options for Park & Ride facilities serving the western, eastern and northern approaches to Dundee. Work continued on design development and site acquisition for a proposed Park & Ride/Choose facility at East Perth, adjacent to the A90 (T).
- 2.14 The Capital Programme also contributed funding support for extension of intelligent driver information systems to increase the efficiency of traffic movement on the strategic road network in and around Dundee and to assist in improving air quality within the City. These measures support the efficient movement of people and goods on the city's transport network generally.

- 2.15 The strategic bus network was developed in 2013/14 with financial support given to two Bus Investment Fund (BIF) supported services; the Ring of Bredalbane Explorer (ROBE) seasonal service providing for local and tourist demands in the Bredalbane area and the Muckhart/West Kinross-shire Demand Responsive Transport (DRT) scheme. In 2014/15 the Partnership continued its financial support for these services and also approved a financial contribution towards introduction of significantly improved bus services between Dundee – Forfar – Brechin –Stracathro Hospital – Edzell, with a commitment to continuing support for all of these services in 2015/16.
- 2.16 The Partnership funded introduction of the Thistle Card to assist people with disabilities when accessing bus services across the region.

Rail Connectivity

- 2.17 The Partnership's **Tay Estuary Rail Strategy (TERS)** sets out a comprehensive package of proposals for phased enhancements to regional and local rail services and infrastructure. TERS has been developed to complement and supplement planned national improvements to rail connectivity between the north and north east of Scotland and the Central Belt, as set out in Transport Scotland's Strategic Transport Projects Review (STPR).
- 2.18 The TERS study (2009) demonstrated a positive Business Case for introducing incremental service enhancements and additional calls at local stations between Arbroath – Dundee – Perth – Stirling and Glasgow, with significant potential for modal shift in favour of rail for suburban travel around Dundee and Perth, and for longer distance travel to/from and within the Central Belt. The study also developed proposals for enhancing facilities at and developing the role of Gleneagles Station and for relocating Invergowrie Station.
- 2.19 Tactran successfully negotiated a significant increase in the level of rail services stopping at **Broughty Ferry** station in Dundee City from December 2011, initially for a 12 month trial period. Tactran and ScotRail jointly promoted these new facilities and strong passenger growth and usage has ensured their continuation. On the basis of most recent passenger statistics introduction of the additional services at Broughty Ferry station has resulted in a near 7-fold increase in demand, securing their operation into the new ScotRail franchise and demonstrating significant passenger growth potential for local commuter and other travel demands.
- 2.20 Building on the 2011 timetable enhancements additional improvements to services were secured at **Broughty Ferry, Invergowrie and Carnoustie** from December 2012, with further improvements to local services calling at **Monifieth** introduced in December 2013.
- 2.21 During 2014/15 Tactran engaged proactively with all 5 prospective bidders for the new ScotRail franchise, which commenced on 1 April 2015, to promote and raise awareness of regional aspirations for enhanced rail services and connections. Following award of the ScotRail franchise to Abellio the Partnership has continued to engage with the rail industry and Transport Scotland to press the case and need for early implementation of the proposals developed in the TERS work of 2009 and 2011, with a view to embedding these and other aspirations within the new ScotRail franchise moving forward.

- 2.22 Over recent years Tactran has provided Revenue and Capital funding to develop detailed design and construction of a comprehensive upgrading scheme consisting of a new road access, improved passenger facilities, increased car parking and provision of an integrated transport interchange at **Gleneagles Station**, as identified by TERS. During 2014/15 work continued in partnership with Perth & Kinross Council, Transport Scotland, First ScotRail and Network Rail, leading to completion of these enhancements ahead of the Ryder Cup event at Gleneagles in September 2014.
- 2.23 The 2014/15 Tactran Capital Programme included a contribution towards the ongoing redevelopment and enhancement of **Dundee Station** as part of the major Dundee Waterfront economic regeneration project.
- 2.24 During 2014/15 work continued on investigating the business case for proposed relocation of Invergowrie Station to a new location at **Dundee West** adjacent to Riverside Avenue. The TERS study indicates that this relocation, aligned with an hourly stopping service pattern, offers the potential to generate significant growth in rail patronage associated with serving existing and proposed developments on the western edge of Dundee, including the existing business and science parks at Riverside Avenue and Ninewells Hospital.
- 2.25 Jointly funded work with Stirling Council has also progressed on examining the potential benefits of a suggested relocation of **Bridge of Allan Station**, having regard to proposals for major housing and infrastructure developments identified in the Stirling Local Development Plan. In addition Tactran is working jointly study with Perth & Kinross Council, SEStran and Fife Council investigating the potential demand for new/reopened stations at Bridge of Earn (**Oudendarde**) and Newburgh.
- 2.26 Through our work on TERS and by contributing to Network Rail and ScotRail working groups on station facilities, access, and timetabling, Tactran seeks to ensure that rail connectivity and facilities within the region meet current and future needs.
- 2.27 Tactran continued to work jointly with the other RTPs and through active officer input to the High Speed Rail Scotland group, on making the case for early extension of the proposed UK **High Speed Rail** network to Scotland, and ensuring that the potential economic benefits from improved cross-border rail connectivity and journey times extend to businesses and communities located within the region. Tactran is also a member of, and contributed funding to, the East Coast Mainline Authorities Forum (ECMA), which consists of local authorities and RTPs along the East Coast rail route and has been established to explore and promote the potential for developing the economic role of this key cross-border rail connection.

Freight Connectivity

- 2.28 The **Regional Freight Quality Partnership** has previously undertaken studies into Lorry Parking and Lorry Routeing and developed a web-based regional lorry routeing map to inform and encourage more appropriate and efficient routeing of HGVs using the region's road network and when accessing key freight generators and destinations, including industrial estates, Ports etc.
- 2.29 During 2014/15 freight activity continued to focus primarily on developing, through ongoing participation in the EU InterReg IVB Last Mile Logistics (LaMiLo) project, the potential for piloting sustainable urban logistics solutions in Perth and Dundee.

Active and Sustainable Travel

- 2.30 Tactran liaises closely with and supports partner Councils, Health Boards, Universities and other public sector bodies in the promotion and development of Active Travel modes and associated infrastructure, Travel Planning and behavioural change in favour of more sustainable modes of transport through its Sustainable Travel Liaison Group.
- 2.31 The Tactran Travel Plan Officer works closely with and supports public bodies and private sector organisations in the development of Travel Plans which aim to improve efficient and sustainable access for workplace and other travel demands. Tactran funds and maintains the www.tactranliftshare.com lift-sharing website and the [Travel Know How](#) travel plan implementer toolkit, which is designed to support small and large public and private sector organisations in the development, ongoing implementation and monitoring of workplace and organisational Travel Plans. During 2014/15 nearly 60 public and private sector employers had taken up the support offered through Travel Know How.
- 2.32 Through the Partnership's **Sustainable Travel Grant Scheme** provision of matched grant funding continued to support implementation of sustainable transport measures and facilities within partner Councils, Health Boards, Universities and other public sector and not for profit organisations.
- 2.33 During 2014/15 Tactran entered into a new Active Travel partnership with transport charity Sustrans. A Service Level Agreement (SLA) provides for the appointment of a regional Active Travel Officer who supports the development, promotion and delivery of Active travel measures and infrastructure working with partner Councils, Health Boards, communities and other stakeholders.
- 2.34 This partnership with Sustrans attracts additional capital grant funding of £100,000/annum in financial years 2014/15 and 2015/16 from the Sustrans Community Links programme. This funding is available for partner Councils, Health Boards and other public sector bodies to bid into for match funding to support the development and implementation of active travel infrastructure and networks. During 2014/15 the Partnership's allocation of £100,000 was fully utilised in supporting 11 projects across the region. In addition the 2014/15 Tactran Capital Programme included contributions towards the Seabraes – Riverside walk/cycle footbridge and development of the Green Circular network in Dundee.

Travel Information

- 2.35 Accessible and reliable travel information is a key part of an economically supportive and environmentally efficient transportation system. During 2014/15 work commenced on a comprehensive review and updating of the regional www.tactranconnect.com multi-modal travel information web portal, which was launched in 2009.
- 2.36 Following extensive work and consultation during 2014/15 with partner Councils, Visit Scotland, Health Boards and a range of other stakeholders, an improved multi-modal information website www.GoToo.com which is focussed on supporting the lifestyle and mobility needs of both residents and visitors to the region was launched on 1 June 2015.

Transport and Health

2.37 Working with NHS Tayside, NHS Forth Valley and the Scottish Ambulance Service the Partnership developed the **Tayside & Central Scotland Health & Transport Framework**. This establishes a framework for addressing the key relationships between transport and health, namely :-

- promoting active travel as a means of improving personal health and wellbeing;
- reducing the impacts of transport on health – for example air quality;
- improving access to healthcare; and
- encouraging more sustainable NHS employee/workplace travel.

2.38 Following earlier approval by the Partnership and endorsement by the Boards of NHS Forth Valley and NHS Tayside and Community Planning Partnerships within the region work has continued on developing locally and regionally relevant Health & Transport Action Plans under the auspices of CPPs. During 2014/15 work continued on :-

- promoting Active Travel generally and within designated communities (Angus, Dundee and Stirling);
- identifying responsibility for and improving efficiency and coordination of transport to health services (Angus and Dundee);
- engaging with the voluntary sector to build capacity (Angus and Dundee);
- audit of Active Travel and Public Transport access to Stracathro Hospital.

2.39 Work will continue on the development of Health & Transport Action Plans during 2015/16.

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Partnership Director
June 2015

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2. Progress and Activity During 2014/15

- 2.1 During the year a number of operational and/or cost efficiency initiatives were implemented, developed or maintained.

Public Sector Efficiency

- 2.2 Since 2008/09 the Partnership has generated cumulative efficiency savings equivalent to approximately 12%, in its Core operating budget. As a small strategic body, the scope and opportunities for achieving further year on year efficiency savings is now limited. However the Partnership will continue to seek operational and financial efficiencies wherever possible.

Staffing and Related Resources

- 2.3 An extended freeze on appointment to vacancies for an eighth year has delivered recurring savings equivalent to approximately £42,000 per annum during the period 2007/08 – 2014/15.

Property

- 2.4 The Partnership's office accommodation is the subject of a private lease. Negotiation of an extended fixed price rental for the period from November 2010 – November 2015 effected recurring accommodation cost savings equivalent to approximately £3,000 per annum. The Partnership's current office accommodation lease expires, and will be the subject of re-negotiation for the period beyond, November 2015.

Shared Services

Administrative Support

- 2.5 Tactran receives Secretariat, Financial and Legal support services from Perth & Kinross Council. These services are provided to a high standard at rates which are considerably more competitive than could be achieved through external procurement of these statutorily necessary support services.
- 2.6 An earlier review of the division of administrative responsibilities undertaken by Tactran's own staff and staff of Perth & Kinross Council has resulted in a recurring 10% cost saving/annum.

Travel Planning and Active Travel

- 2.7 The Partnership's Travel Plan Officer is available to partner Councils, Health Boards and other public and private sector agencies and organisations, offering specialist expertise, advice and support in the development of Travel Plans and sustainable travel policies and practices.
- 2.8 The Travel Know How web-based Travel Plan implementer toolkit, developed by Tactran in partnership with consultants, is available to public and private sector organisations within the region to support their own development and ongoing implementation of workplace Travel Plans. During 2014/15 59 public and private sector bodies, including all partner Councils, Health Boards and a number of major private sector employers, were registered as members of Travel Know How.
- 2.9 The www.tactranliftshare.com website provides a regional trip-sharing facility for private individuals and public/private sector organisations. It also functions as a regional "umbrella" facility for localised liftshare schemes and trip-matching for Councils and Health Board.
- 2.10 During 2014/15 the Partnership entered into a new Service Level Agreement (SLA) with transport charity Sustrans. Under this agreement Tactran funds the appointment of a regional Active Travel Officer who is embedded with the Partnership and works with Tactran, Sustrans, partner Councils, communities and other key stakeholders to develop policies and programmes for increased promotion and use of Active Travel modes (walking and cycling), with the aim of supporting achievement of national and local outcomes in relation to environmental sustainability, reducing carbon emissions and improving personal and community health and wellbeing. The SLA is initially entered into for a two year term with continuation subject to joint review by Tactran and Sustrans.

- 2.11 This new partnership arrangement attracts a capital grant allocation of £100,000/annum from the Sustrans Community Links programme during financial years 2014/15 and 2015/16, which is available for partner Councils, Health Boards and other public sector bodies to bid into as matched funding to support the development and delivery of walking and cycling infrastructure and networks. During 2014/15 the Active Travel Grant budget of £100,000 was fully allocated to supporting development and implementation of 11 projects across the region, including schemes in partnership with all 4 partner Councils, Dundee University and Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park.

Accessibility Planning

- 2.12 Tactran funds a centralised regional resource for Accessibility Planning, enabling Councils, Development Planning Authorities, Health Boards, Community Planning Partnerships and other bodies to make use of this facility to inform their own strategic plans.

Travel Information

- 2.13 In 2009 the Partnership launched the regional multi-modal travel information website www.tactranconnect.com working with partner Councils, Traveline Scotland, Visit Scotland, Health Boards, transport providers and other stakeholders. The website brought together all available information on walking, cycling, bus, rail, air and car travel options in a single, easy to access comprehensive travel information web portal with mode-specific journey planning features linked with Traveline Scotland, Council and other transport provider websites.
- 2.14 During 2014/15 work commenced on a comprehensive refreshing and updating of the regional travel information facility, in partnership with the above stakeholders, to improve its relevance and utility by focussing on and supporting lifestyle choices of both residents and visitors to the region. The new www.GoToo.com website was launched on 1 June 2015.

European Funding and Initiatives

- 2.15 Tactran continues to subscribe to a joint RTP membership of Scotland Europa with SEStran and Hitrans, with a view to identifying potential sources of European funding to assist with implementation of the RTS. Joint membership with the other RTPs realises savings compared with individual membership rates.
- 2.16 Tactran's Strategy Manager continued to provide freight and wider strategic transportation expertise and input to support Dundee City Council's participation in the ENergy efficiency in City LOGistics and Services (ENCLOSE) project, which aims to assess the applicability and benefits of energy-efficient and sustainable urban logistics measures in small and medium sized European towns and cities.
- 2.17 The Partnership continued to participate in the EU InterReg funded Last Mile Logistics (LaMiLo) project which aims to promote new business practices for delivering consumer goods to homes, shops and distribution centres. The initial aim of participation in this project had been to implement a pilot Freight Consolidation Centre (FCC) in Perth leading to a commercially sustainable operation. As the project developed, and learning from experience in other partner countries, the focus of the project has shifted to exploring the potential for developing financially self-sustainable social enterprise business approaches to providing logistics services in Perth and Dundee.

Strategic Transportation Planning and Liaison

- 2.18 Tactran represents and liaises on behalf of its partner Councils with Transport Scotland, the Department for Transport, rail industry, Confederation of Passenger Transport, Road Haulage Association, Freight Transport Association, Cycling Scotland and other relevant bodies on matters of national and regional policy and strategic transportation and connectivity interest.
- 2.19 In November 2014 the Partnership Director was elected to the position of Director on the Board of Cycling Scotland. A key part of this role will include the fostering of closer strategic alliances and relationships between Cycling Scotland and RTPs, including supporting delivery of the Cycling Action Plan for Scotland (CAPS).
- 2.20 The Regional Freight Quality Partnership, Regional Buses Forum and Regional Rail Forum provide a locus for engagement between the Partnership, its constituent Councils and the relevant sectorial transport provider and user interests.
- 2.21 The Sustainable Transport Liaison Group provides a forum for engagement with partner Councils, Health Boards, higher education establishments, Cycling Scotland, Sustrans and other relevant agencies on the development of Active Travel strategies and initiatives, including joint and partner funding of schemes and other activity.

Climate Change Public Sector Duties

- 2.22 During 2013/14 Tactran undertook work on an assessment of transport carbon emissions across the Tactran and TAYplan regions, which assessed the scale of transport carbon emissions at the regional and local authority level and identified potential actions and priorities for public sector contribution towards reducing carbon emissions from transport, in line with obligations under the Climate Change Act 2009. The report and findings from this work have been shared with all Community Planning Partnerships and Development Planning Authorities.

Procurement

- 2.23 Supplies, services and contracts to provide support for RTS project development and delivery and other Partnership activity are submitted to competitive tender in accordance with the Partnership's Financial Regulations.
- 2.24 In delivering specific project initiatives use is made of partner Councils' Term or Framework consultants in appropriate cases, resulting in work being undertaken at competitive rates secured through partner Councils' tendered framework agreements.

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June 2015

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Period covering 1 April 2014 - 31 March 2015

1 Public Relations Statement

Category	Supplier	External Costs - Invoiced	Total
Promotional - Liftshare	Dundee City Council	2,981.00	
		2,327.00	5,308.00
Promotional - Tactranconnect	Dundee City Council	1,595.00	1,595.00
Promotional - Tactran	Perth & Kinross Sports Council	300.00	300.00
	Links Design Ltd	360.00	360.00
PR - Strategic Connectivity	Holyrood Magazine	1,100.00	1,100.00
			8,663.00

2 Overseas Travel

Reason	Origin / Destination	No of Employees	Travel Costs	Subsistence	Accommodation	Other Expenditure	Total
Attend LaMiLo Project Meeting	Edinburgh / Luxembourg	1	329.21		158.05	10.83	498.09
							498.09

3 Hospitality & Entertainment

Nil Return

4 External Consultancy

Supplier	Project/Service	Total	Supplier Total
Atkins Ltd	Regional Transport Strategy Refresh	4,202.50	4,202.50
JMP Consultants Ltd	Health & Transport Framework		
JMP Consultants Ltd	Health & Transport Framework		
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JMP Consultants Ltd	Health & Transport Framework		
JMP Consultants Ltd	Health & Transport Framework	17,688.08	17,688.08
Liftshare Ltd.com	Liftshare Website		7,034.10
Links Deisgn Ltd	Thistle Card		2,828.00
Sustran	Newburgh/Oudenarde Station	1,225.00	
	Tay South Park & Ride	5,200.00	6,425.00
Shona Drummond Marketing	Travelknowhow	3,304.00	3,304.00
Steer Davies Gleave	Tactranconnect		
Steer Davies Gleave	Tactranconnect Rebrand		
Steer Davies Gleave	Tactranconnect Rebrand		
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Steer Davies Gleave	Tactranconnect Rebrand		
Steer Davies Gleave	GoToo Launch	23,029.00	
Steer Davies Gleave	Tay Estuary Rail Study		
Steer Davies Gleave	Tay Estuary Rail Study	2,680.00	25,709.00
Systra Ltd	RTS Monitoring	2,590.00	2,590.00
			65,578.18

5 Payments over £25k

Payee	Reason	Total	Supplier Total
Perth & Kinross Council	Support Services	33,250.00	33,250.00
Steer Davis Gleave	Tactranconnect	23,029.00	
Steer Davis Gleave	Tay Estuary Rail Study	2,680.00	25,709.00
Sustrans	Active Travel Officer	34,992.00	
Sustrans	Cycling Monitoring Equipment	10,000.00	44,992.00

6 Members or Employees who received remuneration in excess of £150,000

Nil Return