

TAYSIDE AND CENTRAL SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP

Minute of Meeting of the Tayside and Central Scotland Transport Partnership held in the Council Chambers, 2 High Street, Perth and via MS Teams on Tuesday 13th June 2023 at 10.30am.

Present: Councillors Heather Doran and Mark McDonald (Angus Council); Councillors Mark Flynn and Dorothy McHugh (Dundee City Council); Councillors Hugh Anderson, Richard Watters and Andrew Parrott (Perth & Kinross Council); Councillor Danny Gibson and Rachel Nunn (Stirling Council); Bryan Doyle (Member).

In Attendance: M Speed (Director); N Gardiner, J Padmore, A Roger and C Stuerck (Tactran); S Hendry (Secretary); E MacNaughton, J Mullen and E Gourlay (Dundee City Council); N Moran and J Salisbury (Perth & Kinross Council); R Khan (Audit Scotland); S Dickson (Transport Scotland).

Apologies for absence were received from: Councillor Steven Rome (Dundee City Council and Amy McDonald (Member).

1. DECLERATIONS OF INEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

2. MINUTE OF MEETING OF 14 MARCH 2023

The minute of meeting of the Tayside and Central Scotland Transport Partnership of 14 March 2023 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

3. A NEW REGIONAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY

There was submitted a report by the Senior Strategy Officer (RTP/23/11) presenting a consultation draft of a new Tayside and Central Scotland Regional Transport Strategy 2024-2034 (RTS); the draft Impact Assessment Reports which are to be consulted on alongside the draft RTS; and the proposed process for consulting on the draft RTS and the draft impact assessment reports.

J Padmore gave a presentation on the consultation Draft of Regional Transport Strategy, updating on process to date, key themes and issues and next steps. C Stuerck provided a presentation on the associated Impact Assessments.

Councillor Gibson left the meeting.

Councillor Nunn asked with regards to rural transport if car clubs and ride share can be included. She also asked what the role of the Scottish Government would be in particular and what will Transport Scotland provide with respect to the information campaigns, digital platforms and the collection of real time data

and what is Tactran doing to communicate to Scottish Government how important this is.

J Padmore advised car clubs and ride sharing are referenced in actions 4 and 17 and are therefore included in the strategy. With regards to the role of the Scottish Government, J Padmore advised that the RTS identifies actions which are the responsibility of Councils, actions which are the responsibility of RTP/Councils and actions which will be the responsibility of other agencies, including the Scottish Government and Transport Scotland. Hence there is a need to highlight and work with the Scottish Government and Transport Scotland those action identified as their responsibility. He gave an example that the reduction in car km is a core objective and Tactran is working with officers and has drafted a statement to present to Transport Scotland outlining the actions that require support from Transport Scotland to achieve this core objective.

Councillor Nunn asked if the car km national target of a 20% reduction was broken down to different regions and therefore different targets for each area? J Padmore advised the 20% is a national aim and the work Tactran is undertaking will support the national aspiration and will help to understand what can be delivered in different geographical areas, as it is appreciated that not all areas can achieve the national aim. Tactran is working with the four Councils to get the detail on how much can be delivered in each area.

Councillor McHugh asked within the integrated impact assessments where there are negative impacts, will mitigations be identified. C Stuerck said mitigations will be included in the assessments and are provided within the full assessment report and the summary tables.

Councillor McHugh expressed concern at the recommendation to remove the outcome regarding improving access to healthcare for people over 65, as she considered these are the heaviest users of health and social care services. J Padmore agreed to retain the outcome but noted there is no supporting NHS data available. Councillor McHugh also asked that reference to 'older people' be used rather than 'elderly' throughout the document and this was agreed.

Councillor Doran said she has similar concerns regarding the 20% car km reduction target in Angus, so was pleased with explanation given. In relation to the diagram on integrated and strategic corridors, it appeared to push activity away from Angus and towards Dundee. Angus Council would prefer to encourage people to visit local town centres as opposed to pushing people towards cities. She also has a concern regarding removing the improving access to healthcare for people over 65 outcome but believes improving access to healthcare for all is a better aim so there should be a strong focus on improving access to healthcare. J Padmore agreed the diagram implies moving towards Dundee, but it's intended to be both ways so it's presentational issue, and it will be amended.

Councillor Doran noted that within the impact assessments, there are positives and negatives, and it could that be clearer on how people might be impacted

and what the mitigations are e.g., sexual orientation not sure how this can be negative so could the report be clearer. J Padmore noted that the background documents provide much more detail but will make the presentation clearer.

Councillor Doran asked if groups identified within the impact assessments could be consulted as part of this engagement process e.g., disabilities, pregnancy and maternity, sexual orientation and gender reassignment. C Stuerck confirmed all groups will be engaged with.

Councillor McHugh said the engagement process appears to be largely digital and asked how people who do not use technology will be included. J Padmore confirmed he will be liaising with Council Community Planning and Community Engagement teams to advise how best to engage with different groups.

Councillor McDonald asked if social media was being considered for engagement and if there was any budget for specific social media targeting. N Gardiner advised there is a budget for consultation, and this includes a 'Social Listening' project. Consideration is also being given to engaging a consultant to do market research to target specific demographics. Assistance will also be sought from the councils to use their own social media to promote engagement to the RTS. Cllr Doran suggested the Scottish Youth Parliament in Angus would be good to engage with.

The Chair was pleased to hear about the work with Transport Scotland to identify different areas and their contributions towards the 20% reduction in car km, as this will help identify the policies and strategies going forward. He agreed the access to healthcare for over 65s outcome should remain despite lack of supporting data and there is a need to work with all agencies.

Cllr Flynn queried whether it should be over 65's or over 60's and suggested that the Integration Joint Boards may be able to assist with appropriate data.

Resolved:

- (i) To approve for consultation the Draft Tayside and Central Scotland Regional Transport Strategy included as Appendix A;
- (ii) To approve for consultation the Draft Tayside and Central Scotland Regional Transport Strategy impact assessment reports, available in the [Members area](#) of the Tactran website; and
- (iii) To approve the engagement strategy and consultation questions for the Draft Tayside and Central Scotland Regional Transport Strategy included as Appendices D and E.

4. PUBLIC SERVICES REFORM ACT ANNUAL STATEMENTS 2022/23

There was submitted a report by the Director (RTP/23/12) seeking the Partnership's approval of Annual Statements which require to be published under the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010.

Resolved:

- (i) To approve the publication of the Public Services Reform Act Annual Statements for 2022/23 as detailed in the Appendices to the report.

5. DRAFT UNAUDITED ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR 2022/23

There was submitted a joint report by the Treasurer and Director (RTP/23/13) presenting the Draft Unaudited Annual Accounts for 2022/23.

Resolved:

- (i) To approve the contents of the Draft Unaudited Annual Accounts for 2022/23; and
- (ii) To authorise the Treasurer to sign the Annual Accounts for submission to the Controller of Audit by 30 June.

6. 2023/24 BUDGET AND PROGRAMME

There was submitted a joint report by the Treasurer and Director (RTP/23/14) providing a monitoring update on the Partnership's Revenue and Capital expenditure and seeking approval of a 2023/24 RTS Revenue Programme.

Councillor Flynn requested feedback on Park & Ride projects within the region and the Hydrogen decarbonisation project. N Gardiner advised there are three Local Rail Development Fund (LRDF) Projects which are considering Park & Ride:

- Stirling Strategic Park & Ride Strategy – the STAG appraisal has been completed and discussions are ongoing with Stirling Council regarding recommendations.
- Tay Cities Park & Choose – the Preliminary Appraisal was submitted to Transport Scotland in July 2022, a meeting was held recently and a way forward has been agreed to complete the Preliminary Appraisal and move to commence the Detailed Appraisal, subject to the remaining £48,000 of the grant award being available.
- Bridge of Earn – Draft Detailed Appraisal was submitted to Transport Scotland in June 2022 and still waiting on a response from Transport Scotland.

N Gardiner noted that in addition to the three LRDF appraisals, there are ongoing Bus Partnership Fund appraisals being undertaken, which include consideration of multi-modal transport hubs. The Tayside Bus Alliance Strategic Business Case which was submitted to Transport Scotland at end of March, includes 12 bus priority corridors and 6 multi-modal interchanges.

It was agreed that an update on the LRDF and Bus Alliance projects will be provided at the September Board meeting.

The Director advised the Hydrogen project had no reportable progress but will provide an update to the September Board meeting. Tactran officers are currently in discussions with Transport Scotland on how to take the project

forward regarding supply, skills etc. and are also in discussions with small and medium sized businesses, freight and blue light sectors.

Resolved:

- (i) To note the position regarding Core Revenue expenditure as at 30 April 2023 as detailed in Appendix A;
- (ii) To note progress on and to approve the 2023/24 RTS Revenue Programme and related expenditure as discussed within the report and detailed in Appendices B and C; and
- (iii) To note progress on the 2023/24 Capital Programme and related expenditure as discussed within the report and detailed in Appendix D.

7. DIRECTORS REPORT

There was submitted a report by the Director (RTP/23/15) asking the Partnership to note: progress in recruiting new non-elected board members and updates on Bus Alliances, Local Rail Development Fund, Active Travel and Fair Fares Review. The Partnership was also asked to consider and approve proposed responses to Transport Scotland stakeholder review of Local Transport Strategy draft guidance and Perth & Kinross Council's consultation on Let's Talk Transport Main Issues Report. The Partnership was also asked to note a response to Department of Transport's consultation on zero emission vehicle (ZEV) mandate and to delegate approval of a response to Scottish Government's consultation on Local Living and 20-minute neighbourhoods to the Executive Committee.

The Director advised a second candidate has applied for the non Councillor Board Member vacancy and proposed progressing to interview both applicants via the Executive Committee.

Resolved:

- (i) To remit to the Executive Committee to undertake interviews for the non-Councillor member of the Tactran Partnership Board and to note progress in recruiting a new health representative non-elected member to the Tactran Board;
- (ii) To note the updates on Bus Alliances, Local Rail Development Fund, Active Travel and Fair Fares Review;
- (iii) To approve the proposed response to Transport Scotland's stakeholder review on Local Transport Strategy: Draft Guidance as detailed in Appendix B;
- (iv) To approve the proposed response to Perth & Kinross Council's consultation on Let's Talk Transport, Main Issues Report as detailed in Appendix C;
- (v) To note the response to the Department for Transport consultation on a zero emission vehicle (ZEV) mandate and CO2 emissions regulation for new cars and vans in the UK as detailed in Appendix D; and
- (vi) To delegate authority to the Executive Committee to consider and approve a response to Scottish Government's consultation on Local Living and 20-minute neighbourhoods.

8. MEMBERS ISSUES AND AOCB

None

9. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

12th September 2023, Forfar

12th December 2023, Dundee