

TAYSIDE AND CENTRAL SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP

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PEOPLE AND PLACE PROGRAMME 2026/27

REPORT BY PROJECTS AND PROGRAMME MANAGER

Purpose

The purpose of the paper is to ask the Partnership to note the structure of the Tactran People and Place programme for 2026/27, previously approved by the Executive Committee, and to approve project allocations recommended under the People and Place Programme for 2026-27.

The report also asks the Partnership to note that annual reporting for 2025-26 will be available to a future Partnership meeting.

Summary

The current Tactran People and Place Programme was initially developed and applied in 2025/26.

Subsequent updates to the programme were proposed for 2026/27, approved via Executive Committee and reported to the Partnership Board at its meeting of 16 December 2025.

This report confirms structure and process undertaken in developing project allocations.

At the time of writing funding allocations remain subject to confirmation. Proposed project allocations will be sent out when funding levels have been confirmed.

1 RECOMMENDATIONS

1.1 That the Partnership:

- (i) Notes the structure of the Tactran People and Place programme for 2026/27, as previously approved by the Executive Committee;
- (ii) Approves the allocation of funds to project delivery partners. This will be set out in Appendix A which will be sent out in due course; and
- (iii) Notes that annual reporting for the 2025/26 programme will be presented to a future Partnership Meeting.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The current Tactran People and Place Programme was initially developed and applied in 2025/26 (RTP/25/34 refers). It is now concluding its second year of operation. An update to the programme structure was reported as in

development at the Partnership meeting of 16 December 2025 (RTP/25/48 refers) and approved via Executive committee.

- 2.2 The updated programme structure has been applied to provide a proposed allocation of funds to project delivery partners. At the time of writing allocations remain subject to confirmation and will be updated and provided to the Partnership imminently. The allocation being based on the approved methodology and applied proportionately across Tactran local authorities. Allocations are made subject to virement, allowing fund optimisation where underspend or additional funds become available.
- 2.3 A total grant of £2.28m has been indicated by Transport Scotland, subject to confirmation, for the operation of the People and Place programme in 2026/27. Operation of the programme in 2026/27 is expected to make full use of the grant made available.
- 2.4 An initial programme proposal for 2026/27 has been developed and approved by Executive Committee (Report RTP/25/34 refers).

3 DISCUSSION

- 3.1 The Tactran P&P programme 2026/27 follows the same underlying structures as approved for 2025/26 and is included as Appendix A to item 11 (RTP/25/48) presented to the Partnership meeting of 16 December 2025.
- 3.2 A series of development actions have been undertaken:
 - Outreach identifying perspective new and continuing project partners
 - Delivery partner engagement and support, including advice on applications and delivery structures,
 - Local authority engagement, including the setting up of LA Liaison group, scope and process development
 - Application development and submission to Transport Scotland
 - Liaison and agreement with local authorities in respect of project application process,
 - Project proposal process, liaison, and agreement with Local Authority partners, and
 - Recommendation developed for project allocations, as set out in this report.
- 3.3 A recommended project allocation structure is proposed and included in Appendix A. The allocations are consistent with the programme design as previously approved, and the expected funding from Transport Scotland.

4 CONSULTATIONS

- 4.1 Local Authority officers were included in the development of the proposal and assisted in the evaluation and the preparation of this report.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Programme operating and administration costs incurred by Tactran are included in the submission.

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 this Report.

Report to Executive Committee, RTP/25/34, Programme Design Update People and Place 2025/26, 10 November 2025

Report to Partnership RTP/25/48, People and Place programme 2026/27, 16 December 2025