

Strategy -

3a Liaison between RTPs, and with the Scottish Government and Others

- Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to update the Board on liaison with other RTPs and the Scottish Government and others.

- Background

The following series of meetings have been agreed by the Board or have evolved through the meetings agreed by the Board:

- RTP Chairs and the Minister for Transport to meet twice yearly.
- RTP Chairs to establish an Association and to meet quarterly.
- Nestrans Liaison Sub Committees appointed for meetings with HITRANS/ ZetTrans and TACTRAN as neighbouring RTPs.
- RTP Lead Officers meeting quarterly now including Scottish Government and CoSLA.
- LABOF Steering Group meetings

- Recent Developments

Since the last Board meeting there has been the following meetings:

- ❖ **RTP Chairs/ CoSLA/ Minister for Transport meeting meeting, Aberdeen, 1 September 2010**

The RTP Chairs has an extensive discussion with the Minister discussing RTP progress in delivering the Regional Transport Strategies, alternative funding, the impact of the budget considerations on future transport budgets and shared services.

- ❖ **RTP Chairs/ CoSLA, Aberdeen, 1 September 2010**

The RTP Chairs discussed:-

- Access to Healthcare
- Scottish Government Report on Policy and Proposals for Climate Change and Carbon Reduction
- The Intercity Express Programme
- The Scotrail Franchise Policy Statement
- The National Transport Strategy re-refresh

- ❖ **NETCF, Aberdeen, 6 September 2010**

This is reported in a separate report to the this Board at item 6c

- ❖ **LABOF Steering Group, 9 September 2010**

This meeting was postponed due to leave and the launch of the Hospital Direct bus service.

- ❖ **Northern RTP Lead Officers, Perth, 23 September 2010**
- ❖ **RTP Lead Officers/ CoSLA, Edinburgh, 29 September 2010**
- Future Programme of Meetings
 - ❖ **RTP Lead Officers, Edinburgh, 10 November 2010**
 - ❖ **RTP Chairs/ CoSLA, Nairn, 1 December 2010**

- Recommendation

The Board notes progress on liaison arrangements with other RTPs and the Scottish Government and arrangements for future meetings.

The Board notes the minutes of the LABOF Steering Group.

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