

Strategy -

3a Director's report on liaison between RTPs, and with the Scottish Government and Others

o Purpose of Report

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

o Background

This report details meetings with other RTPs across Scotland, Transport Scotland and other national transport bodies highlighting issues of interest across Scotland. It also notes meetings of the Health and Transport Steering Group and the Local Authority Bus Operators Forum.

o Recent Developments

The last Board meeting was held on 16 December 2013, since which the following updates are available from meetings:

❖ HTAP Steering Group, Aberdeen, 6 December 2013

The Health & Transport Action Plan Steering Group met on 6 December. The minute of the meeting is attached as Appendix A to this report for Members' information.

❖ High Speed Rail Scotland Benefits and Vision sub-group meeting, Glasgow, 7 January 2014

This was the first meeting of a combined Benefits and Vision sub group. The Group discussed revised remits for the group including the inter-relationship between High Speed Rail to the south and High Speed Rail between Edinburgh & Glasgow.

The Group heard about the work of the Capacity and Connectivity sub group and received an update of the development of High Speed Rail Phase 3 (northwards to Scotland) and Edinburgh to Glasgow Business Case development.

There was a discussion on the outputs expected from each group and on communications.

❖ RUNWAYS UK Conference, London, 16 January 2014

This conference was attended by Derick Murray. The Conference discussed the Airport Commission's Interim Report and the options shortlisted in the report.

Amongst others the conference was addressed by Sir Howard Davies, Daniel Moylan representing London Mayor Boris Johnson, Baroness Jo Valentine, CE of London First, Stewart Wingate, CE Gatwick Airport, Colin Matthews, CE Heathrow airport, Lord Adonis ex Transport Secretary along with Chief Executives representing businesses and

airlines. There was an expert panel discussing various aspects of the event. The presentations also included a consideration of the regional access issues.

Following a discussion on the Airport Commission's report, there were presentations on the options that have been shortlisted for further consideration along with a presentation on the Estuary option.

From the north east of Scotland's point of view the conference appeared to give a degree of confidence that the issue of regional access to the UK's hub airport was an essential element of any consideration. There were many references by most speakers to the need for any UK hub to provide adequate regional access. The only counter to this was the CAA's continued insistence that they will not interfere in the market despite the market being distorted due to current Government policy.

There was also a fair degree of discussion on the environmental considerations including noise, air quality and carbon emissions.

The conference concluded with a discussion on how to achieve a political consensus reflecting that this aspect was going to be very difficult.

❖ **High Speed Rail Scotland Group, Glasgow, 27 January 2014**

This meeting was attended by Rab Dickson. It was held principally to discuss a High Speed Rail Scotland Group response to the HS2 consultation on the Birmingham to Manchester/ Leeds sections.

❖ **UK Government/ Scottish Government on cross border travel, Edinburgh, 29 January 2014**

This meeting was attended by Derick Murray. The meeting was arranged by the Scotland Office and the Department for Transport and was attended by a variety of interests across Scotland including RTP's, freight representatives, airport operators and Transport Scotland. It was held as a consultation exercise to permit Scottish interests in cross border travel to be raised directly with the Department for Transport.

The meeting heard from Alun Evans, Director of the Scotland Office and had presentations from Graham Pendlebury, Director of Local Transport at the DfT and Stephen Hennigham from HS2.

There followed a wide ranging discussion on topics including:

- East Coast franchise
 - Also Transpennine franchising
- HS2 benefits
 - Capacity on West Coast Main Line
 - Connections between Scotland and England's cities (outwith London)
- Air access to Heathrow
 - Slot allocation & EU regulation
 - Applicability of EU rules in the UK given the different ownership situation in the UK
- Freight issues
 - HGV road user levy
 - HGV speed limit on single carriageways
- Shipping
 - Sulphur limits
- Bus issues

- Intermodal connections

Alun Evans asked for feedback on the usefulness of such a consultation and Graham Pendlebury indicated a willingness to visit Aberdeen to discuss specific north of Scotland issues. This is being followed up with Mr Pendlebury.

❖ **Laurencekirk Station Research Advisory Group, Glasgow, 29 January 2014**

This meeting was attended by Rab Dickson of Nestrans and Ewan Wallace of Aberdeenshire Council. It was convened to discuss research which Transport Scotland are undertaking towards establishing new Rail Evaluation Guidance, building on lessons learned from the re-opening of Laurencekirk Station in 2009. Systra consultants have been appointed and will be undertaking research involving users of Laurencekirk station, seeking information on how travel would have been made without the station seeking to establish why its been so successful, having far exceeded the original business case.

❖ **SCDI Dinner with Secretary of State for Transport, London, 4 February 2014**

❖ **Haudagain Progress Meeting, Video Conference, 7 February 2014**

❖ **RTP Lead Officers, Perth, 12 February 2014**

o **Future Programme of Meetings**

❖ **LABOF Steering Group, Aberdeen, 13 February 2014**

❖ **Scottish Parliamentary x-Party Group on Aviation, Edinburgh, 26 February 2014**

❖ **HTAP Steering Group, Aberdeen, 28 February 2014**

❖ **RTP Chairs, Glasgow, 05 March 2014**

o **Recommendation**

The Board is recommended to note progress on liaison arrangements with other RTPs, the Scottish Government and others and arrangements for future meetings.

RGM/RD 3 February 2014

HTAP Steering Group Meeting

Friday 6 December 2013

Nestrans Board Room. 29 King Street, Aberdeen

Present:

Gerry Donald; NHS Grampian [Chair]
 Derick Murray; Nestrans
 Rab Dickson; Nestrans
 John Gallagher; NHS Grampian
 Jillian Evans; NHS Grampian
 Mark Skilling; Aberdeenshire Council
 Allan Reid; Scottish Ambulance Service
 Andrew Stewart; HTAP Co-ordinator

Apologies:

Heather Kenney, Scottish Ambulance Service
 Ian Donald; Scottish Ambulance Service
 Gordon Holland, Moray Council
 Maggie Bochel; Aberdeen City Council
 Ewan Wallace, Aberdeenshire Council

Minutes of Meeting

Item	Note	Action
1	<p>FITS Presentation Professor John Farrington and Dr David Emele of Aberdeen University (AU) gave a presentation on Flexible Integrated Transport Services (FITS).</p> <p>DM highlighted issue of engagement with Community Transport (CT) and the involvement of the Community Transport Association (CTA). GD keen to progress CT involvement in the Steering Group. The meeting discussed issues around the need to understand the constraints associated with eligibility criteria amongst operators.</p> <p>It was agreed that a workshop would be held with CT, HTAP and AU representatives on issues, barriers and opportunities around integrated transport.</p> <p>It was agreed a letter inviting John MacDonald of the CTA on to the Steering Group would be prepared asking them to join as soon as possible.</p> <p>It was agreed to seek the hosting of the next Steering Group at Aberdeen University with a demonstration of FITS and discussion around expectations. Also to establish with AU their involvement in an evaluation of the Transport to Healthcare Information Centre (THInC).</p> <p>DM asked AS to advise Aberdeen University on the use of partner logos.</p>	<p>AS/JMP</p> <p>AS</p> <p>AS</p> <p>AS</p>
2	<p>Welcome & Apologies</p> <p>Gerry Donald welcomed all present and apologies were noted as above.</p>	
3	<p>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</p> <p>The Minutes of the meeting of 13 September 2013 were accepted as a true and accurate record.</p>	

	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>a) Shared Service Mail Run – AS advised that concerns had been raised about vehicle reliability. AS to follow up with discussion with ACC on their involvement in project and progress an evaluation report. MS pointed out the vehicles are retrofitted electric vehicles. DM highlighted the need to feedback to Transport Scotland.</p> <p>b) Short Life Working Group Recommendations – GD to circulate to the group financial information on the NHS spend associated with taxis. GD highlighted the need for close links between HTAP and NHS Procurement to avoid constraints associated with being locked into long term contracts. Patient involvement on the Steering Group was also discussed. It was agreed that AS would complete the NHS pro forma on Patient Involvement and forward to Gerry who will progress with Laura Gray.</p> <p>c) Access to health – JG informed the group that the appointment letter wording has been revised. AR shared the final version of the THInC poster.</p> <p>d) Active lifestyle – The issue of engagement is being considered. HTAP Co-ordinator has established links with Getabout group.</p> <p>e) Newsletter – JE discussed the issue of getting articles. It was agreed to consider further the intended audience and content of a newsletter.</p>	<p>AS</p> <p>AS/GD</p> <p>JE</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>HTAP Co-ordinator Initial Observations</p> <p>AS summarised his report and its recommendations. GD agreed the aspirations of the group have not been met. MS suggested a steering group focused review. DM highlighted the political interest in the progress made by HTAP.</p> <p>It was agreed that a workshop with the Steering Group would form part of the review due to be undertaken by JMP.</p>	<p>All/JMP</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>HTAP2</p> <p>AS updated the group on his discussions with Aberdeenshire Council's Procurement team. A direct award to JMP has been approved. It was agreed that Aberdeenshire would procure and invoice NHSG. It was noted that this must be managed within the current financial year. GD requested a meeting with Tim Steiner of JMP, DM and AS at the earliest opportunity.</p> <p>The group discussed possible sources of future funding. It was agreed that AS would start working on a bid paper for potential sources of future funding for pilots in advance of Christmas and that these would be broadly around THInC, integrated transport and around extending possibilities with CT groups.</p>	<p>AS</p> <p>AS</p>

<p>6.1</p>	<p>Access to Healthcare</p> <p>AR gave operational feedback. AR to send AS latest figures. JE highlighted the lack of suitable information currently being captured to assist with a project evaluation. It was agreed that JE could arrange assistance with a crib sheet and that a database be created which allowed information to be captured in real time. AR said he would discuss this with IT at SAS.</p> <p>AS suggested that information about THInC be added to the patient booking letter to complement info in appointment confirmation letter. JG to look at.</p> <p>GD put forward the need to run THInC for a further year with a view to a final evaluation report in Dec 2014 and that the staff be given this assurance with funding to be clarified by partners.</p> <p>It was agreed that to allow for further promotion, information gathering and evaluation, THInC will continue until December 31st 2014 with the caveat that improvements are made in the efforts of all concerned. AR and AS to advise staff at THInC the project will continue till Dec 2014.</p>	<p>AR</p> <p>JE/AR</p> <p>JG</p> <p>AR/AS</p>
<p>6.2</p>	<p>Active Lifestyles – Mark Skilling</p> <p>MS commented on his wish to see a change in the format of workstreams. There was some discussion around opportunities for partnership working and how HTAP can facilitate that.</p>	
<p>6.3</p>	<p>Links between Transport and Health – Jillian Evans</p> <p>JE highlighted the need for care in terms of patient confidentiality when sharing information with the FITS team as part of the THInC project. JE enquired about progress on the Stonehaven to Muchalls cycleway. MS advised that a funding bid to Sustrans is being prepared.</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p>HTAP Annual Report</p> <p>AS informed group that draft HTAP Annual Report had been circulated with an amended version submitted to Nestrans and re-circulated to the Steering Group members.</p>	

<p>8.</p>	<p>AOCB</p> <p>AS highlighted issues in the Transform Scotland report around public sector organisations and their commitment to travel planning. Also informed group of a research project by Bill Lennox of Aberdeenshire Council looking at the links between winter maintenance programmes and injuries sustained from slips and falls.</p> <p>RD informed the group of an offer from Aberdeen-based bus companies to have staff at ARI giving public transport advice with costs split three ways between the two operators and NHSG. The group highlighted the need for joined up thinking around this proposal and THInC.</p> <p>RD also told the group about the opportunity for a transport info terminal like the one at ARI for the new Health Hub in Aberdeen.</p> <p>RD also told the group about ACVO looking at access to Social Care with RGU.</p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>Proposed dates for 2014 are:</p> <p>Friday 28 March, 10am</p> <p>Friday 27 June, 10am</p> <p>Friday 26 September, 10am</p> <p>Thursday 11December, 10am</p>	

Minute by AS, HTAP Co-ordinator
10 December 2013