

3b Strategic Transport Fund Update

o Purpose of Report

To update Board members on progress in reviewing the STF guidance and on payments received and agreements made in relation to the Strategic Transport Fund to date.

o Background

The Strategic Development Planning Authority adopted the supplementary guidance 'Delivering Identified Projects through a Strategic Transport Fund' in December 2011. This guidance is non-statutory supplementary guidance in support of the Aberdeen City and Shire Structure Plan 2009 and was adopted with the intention that it would be reviewed and adopted as statutory guidance as part of the new Strategic Development Plan. The Aberdeen City and Shire Strategic Development Plan was adopted in March 2014 and the SDPA agreed in June 2014 that in interim, the current non-statutory guidance will continue to be used.

o Review of the STF Guidance

At its meeting in October 2014 the Nestrans Board were updated on the SDPA's proposed timescales for revising the STF Guidance, the intention being that draft revised guidance will be reported to the SDPA at its meeting on 10th December 2014 and would be followed by an 8 week period of consultation from 12 December to 6th February 2015.

Nestrans has been assisting the SDPA in commissioning further clarification of the cumulative transport appraisal modelling work and in the review and development of the revised guidance. The draft revised guidance will be reported to the SDPA on 10th December and will therefore be reported in more detail to the Nestrans Board at its next meeting.

o Update on agreements and payments into the fund

Since the last Board meeting in October funds have been received in relation to two further sites in the City, totalling £46,112 and one Section 75 agreement for a site in Aberdeenshire has also been signed.

In total, contributions of £10,884,825 have been agreed in relation to the STF of which £1,459,741 is currently held by Nestrans.

As stated in the guidance, monies paid into the STF are held for a period of 20 years.

o Recommendation

The Board is recommended to:

- a) Note the steps being taken in the review of the STF and the timescales set out by the SDPA for this; and
- b) Note the payments made into the funds to date.