

3b 2015/16 Annual Report

o Purpose of Report

To allow the Board to consider a draft Nestrans Annual Report for 2015/16 and Business Plan for 2016/17.

o Background

The Transport (Scotland) Act 2005 requires Regional Transport Partnerships “after the end of each financial year.... to publish a report on the performance of its functions during that year”. This report should be submitted to Scottish Ministers and constituent Councils.

o Implications for Nestrans

A draft Annual Report for 2015/16 has been prepared to provide a review of the financial year to 31 March 2016 and summarise performance towards delivery of the Regional Transport Strategy.

The Nestrans Delivery Plan sets out a general programme of works for the period 2010-2021 to deliver the Regional Transport Strategy. As the Delivery Plan is not reviewed annually, latest business plan information for 2016/17 is based on the programme within the Delivery Plan, but updated with actual funding allocations and latest project proposals is included within the 2015/16 Annual Report. Once the text is approved, it is suggested that the report be designed for publishing on the Nestrans website.

The statements that Nestrans is required to publish in accordance with the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 are included within appendix 2 of the Annual Report and should these be approved they will also be published separately on the Nestrans website in advance of the Annual Report being designed for publication. The expenditure information statement is not currently shown within appendix 2 of the report as this information is still being collated, but this factual statement will provide a list of any financial transactions from 2015/16 within the specified headings of public relations, overseas travel, hospitality and entertainment, external consultancy and payments over £25,000.

o Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Consider the attached draft 2015/16 Annual Report and Business Plan 2016/17.
2. Approve publication of this report on the Nestrans website once design has been completed
3. Instruct a link to the published report to be sent to Scottish Ministers and the Chief Executives at Aberdeen City and Shire Councils.
4. Approve separate publication on the Nestrans website of the information required under the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

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