

Strategy -

3c Re-fresh of the Regional Transport Strategy

- Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to update the Board on the proposed timescales for reviewing and refreshing the Regional Transport Strategy.

- Background

At its meeting on 8th June 2011, the Board agreed to a re-fresh of the RTS to better integrate it with the developing Strategic Development Plan and to give consideration to the development of the RTS to cover the period to 2030/35, taking account of changes which have occurred since the approval of the existing RTS in 2008.

- Proposed timescales

A proposed timescale for the re-fresh of the RTS is set out on the following page and highlights the Board meetings at which reports will be brought back to report on progress.

Since the board meeting in June 2011, a review of the current RTS has been undertaken and the main issues and questions for review have been identified. This information will feed into an officer's workshop in February, as identified in the programme below.

Other key milestones indicated in the timescale below include discussion at the North East Transport Consultative Forum (NETCF) and public consultation on a draft.

This timescale also highlights the key milestones in the development of the Strategic Development Plan and Nestrans will continue to be involved as a key stakeholder in the development of this plan and vice versa. The timescales have been developed so that both documents can be developed in parallel.

It is the intention to report back a final version of the RTS to the Board meeting in December 2012 for approval.

- Recommendation

The Board is recommended to approve the proposed timeframe for the re-fresh of the RTS.

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Timeframe for re-refresh of the RTS

