

3e Possible joint meeting of ACSEF and Nestrans Boards

o Purpose of Report

To ask the Board whether they would be willing to have a joint meeting with the ACSEF Board to discuss the upcoming project constructions and the new RTS.

o Background

The ACSEF Board have a fully integrated transport strategy as one of their top level priorities. That Board has seen Nestrans as the body to deliver this ambition and the Regional Transport Strategy as the blueprint for its integrated strategy. The Director of Nestrans sits on the ACSEF Management Team to ensure complementarity between the ACSEF ambition and the Nestrans actions. Mr Eddie Anderson sits on the Nestrans Board and has recently been appointed to the ACSEF Board providing a direct link between both Boards again enhancing the complementarity between the two organisations.

Recent developments in approvals for a number of projects has led to a very significant period of construction coming over the next five year period. This construction will deliver a large part of the original modern transport system which was the predecessor to the regional transport strategy. The ACSEF Board are keen to understand the projects that are now in the process of delivery and the impact that these projects will have on transport in the region.

The Regional Transport Strategy has now been revised to run concurrently with the Strategic Development Plan. This has been an aspiration of the ACSEF Board, showing that the Planning Documentation is fully aligned. The ACSEF Board are keen to understand the revisions in the revised strategy.

o Proposed joint meeting of the ACSEF and Nestrans Board Members

Discussion at the ACSEF Management Team has led to the proposal that there would be advantage in both the ACSEF and Nestrans Board Members meeting together to discuss the upcoming construction, its impact on transport and the revised strategy and proposals for further developments beyond the current construction phase.

A joint meeting is therefore proposed for the morning of Tuesday 27 May 2014 to discuss these issues

o Recommendation

The Board is recommended to:

- Agree to hold a joint meeting with the ACSEF Board Members