

5a Health & Transport Action Plan Update

- Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to inform members of progress regarding the delivery of the Health & Transport Action Plan, one of the supporting documents to the Regional Transport Strategy.

- Background

The Nestrans Health & Transport Action Plan was approved by Board in June 2008. In December of that year, a Programme Co-ordinator was appointed to take forward the actions in the Plan. He reports regularly to the HTAP Steering Group and an extract from his quarterly report is attached below.

- Discussion

<b>NESTRANS</b>		<b>HTAP EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</b>
<b>Programme: Health and Transport Action Plan</b>		<b>Project Manager Alex Geddes</b>
<b>Reporting Period:</b>	<b>From: 30 November 2009</b>	<b>To: 29 March 2010</b>
<p><u>Current status:</u></p> <p><u>Air Quality Management Action Plan</u></p> <p>Since the last report, all agreed milestones have been achieved and the draft Air Quality report from AECOM was received by Aberdeen City Council [ACC] on 25 February 2010.</p> <p>Following this, a report has been compiled to go to committee in April 2010 for consideration, and this also highlights the commitment of Aberdeen City Council towards the improvement in the health of the people of Aberdeen and a reduction in health inequalities, in terms of the ‘Vibrant, Dynamic and Forward Looking’ report, that relates to policy commitments in Transport, Environment and Health.</p> <p>Following approval a detailed plan will be devised within ACC for further consideration and consultation.</p> <p>Further support will be provided within the HTAP Governance structure.</p> <p>Aberdeenshire and Moray Councils continue to monitor key sites in their respective areas</p>		

but as yet no requirement for an Air Quality Management Action Plan has been identified.

### NHSG Pilot Scheme in Banff & Buchan

A meeting with the providers of public transport in the B&B area was held on 25 January 2010, where current provision was outlined.

In attendance were representatives from:

- Stagecoach Bluebird
- Aberdeenshire Council Public Transport Unit
- Scottish Ambulance Service
- Buchan Dial-a-Community Bus/ DAB Plus c.i.c

This will be followed by a joint meeting on 26 April 2010 between those listed and key local NHSG staff in the Banff and Buchan area.

At this meeting the following issues will be progressed:

- How to promote current public transport provision within that area e.g. [leaflet, electronic, linked to Traveline Scotland etc].
- How NHSG can change appointment scheduling to come in line with public transport provision.
- Future provision of public transport in that area.

### NHSG Transport Interchange ARI

Following the initial discussions with regard to this proposal the HTAP Board confirmed full support for this concept, and asked the project manager to reconvene a meeting to progress this further. The next meeting will take place on 21 April 2010, where the following will be discussed:

- How the proposed interchange may be integrated into new builds on site.
- Ensure all modes of transport can utilise any new development, e.g. bus and taxi drop off and pick up points, increased provision for cyclists such as lockers and shower facilities, and ensure footpaths and signage are adequate.
- Includes a cycle repair centre, and accessories area.
- Has the potential for an NHSG Travel Plan team / Transport Hub to be located.
- Provides links to all main NHSG Aberdeen locations such as Woodend.
- Ensure that bus routes can accommodate such a proposal in a way that encourages staff and visitors to use the service.

The group will also investigate:

- Salary sacrifice scheme [currently being developed in a shared approach by NHSG and Grampian Police]
- Introduction of the Cycle to work scheme by NHSG proposed for mid April 2010 [Grampian Police has such a scheme in place].
- As per pilot scheme in Banff and Buchan look at how appointments can be linked to

public transport provision.

The HTAP risk log has identified the main risk to this proposal as being lack of funding due to current financial position.

#### Shared Fleet Management Aberdeen City

In addition to but in support of this proposal another meeting was organised by Rob Hughes, [Social Care and Wellbeing, Aberdeen City Council] on 19 March 2010, with regard to a proposed simplification of public transport for users accessing day centres and other car facilities.

At this meeting clear links were identified between both groups and actions identified in relation to:

- Information Leaflet Sub-Group - Lead Alex Geddes HTAP
- Scoping Task Group - Lead Andrew Stokes Transport Officer Aberdeen City Council.

At this meeting it was also confirmed that there is a need to look at current provision, and how this can be used more efficiently.

#### Links between Climate Change and the HTAP

At the HTAP Board of 26 January 2010 it was agreed the HTAP will support the aims of the Climate Change Delivery Plan [CCDP] as part of the HTAP Action Log, but will not encompass all the actions within the CCDP, as this is a wide reaching document.

The project manager has provided an update on this decision to Alex Hill, Senior Advisor to the Scottish Government based at the Meteorological Office, and update the action log and this was appreciated by Mr. Hill.

#### Links between NHSG and Planning Departments

Work is progressing to further develop links between Moray Council and NHSG, however this has been delayed due to restructuring within the council. There is now a link with Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire Councils.

#### Community path at Inch

Aberdeenshire Council will be providing a detailed brief to NHSG on this proposal after a site visit scheduled for April 2010 [date to be confirmed].

Following this, and once agreed by NHSG, work is being proposed for 2010 - 2011. This proposal will support all the main aims of the HTAP, and be welcomed by Community Groups in that area. Progress will continue to be monitored in the HTAP Action Log and Highlight Reports.

### NHSG Moray "Access to Healthcare"

Work is now being progressed in the NHSG Moray area in relation to Access to Healthcare, with two positive meetings setting out the issues to be addressed. This has the potential to demonstrate cross boundary working with HiTRANS, and Nestrans, and has been welcomed by residents in that area.

Work in this area will also inform any future "Transport to Healthcare" Charter, and ensure a corporate approach to this issue is maintained within NHSG.

### Section 2 – Comments on Variations:

The Project Manager was approached by Aberdeenshire Council Community Planning Team [Kincardine and Mearns] in relation to issues raised about transport links to healthcare facilities in that area. This request would again provide an opportunity to support HTAP aims, and support the Council's Community Planning team. A recommendation to support this request will be tabled by the Project Manager at the next HTAP Board planned for 8 April 2010.

### Section 3 – Opportunities - Risks & Issues:

All risks are captured in the risk log, which is available to view on request.

### Section 4– Project Outlook

The projects within the programme of work continue to make steady progress towards delivery of actions within the HTAP Action Log. A lessons learned log is also being maintained to capture areas of good practice and issues that require to be addressed, and this will form part of the monitoring and review process.

#### ● Recommendations

It is recommended that Board agree to:

1. note the progress in regard to delivery of the Health & Transport Action Plan..

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