

## 5b Freight Action Plan Update

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- Purpose of Report

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

- Background

Nestrans Board approved a finalised Freight Action Plan at its meeting on 30 October 2009. At the last meeting of the Board on 8 February 2010, it was agreed to launch the Plan at an event in Aberdeen.

- Discussion

The inaugural meeting of the North East Freight Forum was held at the Palm Court Hotel in Aberdeen on Tuesday 9 March. Over twenty delegates attended the event, including representatives from major hauliers, the Scottish Government and the Road Haulage Association. Dr Monica Fundingsland-Tetlow also represented Rogaland County Council in Norway through the StratMoS project to see if lessons can be learned to help their efforts in working closely with the freight industry.

The event was chaired by Eddie Anderson, the nominated champion for freight in the north east and included the formal launch of the Freight Action Plan.

Progress reports were provided on the StratMoS (Strategic Motorways of the Sea) European project, freight maps and general transport enhancements. It was agreed that the Freight Forum should meet on a regular basis but that freight matters as identified in the Freight Action Plan should be taken forward by an Implementation Group which would include Nestrans and officers from the two local authorities.

Copies of the Freight Action Plan and summary are circulated for members' information.

- Recommendations

It is recommended that Board agree to:

1. note the progress in regard to the Freight Action Plan.