

General - 6c NETCF

- Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to update the Board on the proposed date for the next meeting of the North East Transport Consultative Forum (NETCF) and to agree the content for this meeting.

- Background

The North East Transport Consultative Forum (NETCF) is a wide-ranging group of local and national stakeholders with an interest in all aspects of transport development in the north east. The group is generally balanced containing representatives from economic, environmental and community groups and organisations involved in the transport industry locally.

The NETCF is scheduled to meet up to twice a year, but specifically as a sounding board at intervals which ensure involvement in policy development when appropriate. The last meeting of the NETCF was held on 31st October 2011.

- NETCF meeting

The date for the next meeting of the NETCF will be Tuesday 30th October at 5:30pm.

The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the re-fresh of the Regional Transport Strategy and the main issues report that was agreed by the Board at its last meeting on 29th August.

The main issues report will be circulated to the members of NETCF as background in advance of the meeting and this will start the beginning of a 6 week formal consultation period. The main issues report will also be posted on the Nestrans website at this time.

Although all Board members are also members of NETCF and will receive an invite to this meeting, a separate Board members workshop is being held to discuss the RTS re-fresh on 9th October immediately following the Board meeting.

- Recommendation

The Board is recommended to:

- Agree to the proposed date for the NETCF meeting; and
- Use the meeting as an opportunity to garner views on the re-fresh of the Regional Transport Strategy and the consultation questions and changes proposed in the Main Issues Report.

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