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FOREWORD

As the Chair of Nestrans, I am pleased to introduce the Annual Report for 2013/14. The past year has seen significant residential and employment development taking place as a result of the buoyant economy within the north east. It is crucial therefore that our external connections and internal transport network are sufficient to support sustainable economic development for the benefit of not only the north east, but also the Scottish and UK economies. I am delighted therefore that the refresh of the Regional Transport Strategy has been completed and approved. Along with the publication of the Aberdeen City and Shire Strategic Development Plan, this ensures that development planning, economic and transport policy frameworks are fully aligned for forthcoming years.

A key enabler to achieving our aims will be the construction of the Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route - A90 Balmedie to Tipperty dualling project and competitive dialogue with the four shortlisted economic operators bidding for the contract is progressing to schedule. Other construction projects such a the A96 Inveramsay Bridge improvement, the Third Don Crossing and A96 Park & Choose and link road are all also approaching contract award stage, whilst studies are being progressed for the A96 Aberdeen to Inverness dualling, A90/A96 Haudagain preferred option, Bridge of Dee and Access to Laurencekirk assessments.

There continues to be significant growth in air, ferry and rail passenger numbers in the north east and Nestrans has continued to campaign for access to Heathrow and global destinations beyond and seek journey time improvements by rail to the central belt.

The announcement of a £170 million investment in the rail infrastructure between Aberdeen and Inverness between 2014 - 2019 is warmly welcomed, as are proposals for improvements at Aberdeen International Airport and various north east ports and the recognition of the national significance of Aberdeen Harbour Board's plans for new deep water facilities at Nigg Bay within the National Planning Framework 3.

Nestrans has again invested over £2 million in the past year on capital projects to improve road, bus, walking and cycling networks. In addition, over £400,000 of revenue funding has been spent on project feasibility studies, travel planning, active travel promotion via the Getabout brand and in support of actions within our Health & Transport, Rail, Freight and Bus Action Plans.

The Strategic Transport Fund will allow key transport improvements to be developed and implemented to help mitigate the cumulative impact of development that is both underway and allocated for potential future build across the region. Nestrans will continue to administer this fund and contributions of over £10 million have been agreed to date, of which over £1 million has already been paid to the fund.

As always, I would like to take this opportunity to express my grateful thanks to the many public and private partner organisations and the hard-working staff at Nestrans that have helped to make 2013/14 such a successful year and look forward to building upon this further in the year ahead.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Introduction

This report provides a review of Nestrans performance and key transport developments in 2013/14 and looks ahead to our priorities for the forthcoming year. Nestrans has continued to work with local, regional and national public and private sector bodies in 2013/14 to progress the delivery of the Regional Transport Strategy (RTS) and protect and promote the interests of Aberdeen City and Shire. As the funding and delivery of many transport projects are outwith the control of Nestrans, this report also includes many of the transport related improvements being undertaken by partners that are of relevance to the Regional Transport Strategy, rather than just reflecting on Nestrans performance.

Regional Transport Strategy

A refresh of the RTS has been undertaken to extend it to cover the period to 2035 and align it with the Aberdeen City and Shire Strategic Development Plan (2014). The refresh forms an addendum to the original RTS and has been approved by the Scottish Government. The Health and Transport and Freight Action Plans that were previously developed in support of the RTS are also being refreshed and an Active Travel Action Plan is being developed, whilst the delivery of actions within the Bus and Rail Action Plans has been continued.

External Connections

Nestrans has continued to ensure north east interests are considered on a national stage and progressed the aviation campaign to highlight the importance of access to Heathrow and global destinations beyond for the north east and UK economies. Nestrans also participates on the High Speed Rail Scotland Group.

There has been continued growth in rail and air passenger numbers in the north east. The next stage of investigations into strategic rail improvements between Aberdeen and Inverness is awaited, but the First Minister has announced a £170 million scheme of works for delivery between 2014-19 that includes redoubling of the track between Aberdeen and Inverurie, platform extensions to accommodate six car trains at Insch and Elgin and infrastructure to allow new stations at Kintore and Dalcross. Further works have been undertaken on improvements at harbours and ports in the north east and Aberdeen Harbour's plans for new deep water facilities at Nigg Bay are shortlisted as one of the fourteen projects that have been recognised by the Scottish Government as having national significance in the National Planning Framework 3 - Proposed Framework Document.

Project Delivery

Four economic operators are participating in competitive dialogue for the Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route and Balmedie to Tipperty dualling. It is anticipated that a preferred bidder for the scheme will be announced and the contract will be awarded in autumn 2014 with construction due to be complete in 2018. Orders were made for the A96 Inveramsay Bridge and the public notice for the contract has been published. Preliminary engineering and Strategic Environmental Assessment work for the A96 dualling is underway and consultants have been appointed and a preferred option confirmed for the A90/A96 Haudagain junction improvement.

Aberdeen City Council are progressing the design and tender documentation for the Third Don Crossing and the A96 Park & Choose site and link road between the A96 and Dyce Drive. Aberdeenshire Council continues to progress design works and land negotiations for the A90 (S) Park & Choose and Inverurie Transport Interchange. Nestrans has commissioned a study to investigate options to improve access to/from the A90 in the Laurencekirk area. The Scottish Transport Appraisal Guidance part 1 assessment for the Bridge of Dee Study has been completed.

Partnership Working and Policy Development

Nestrans is a member of the Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire Community Planning Partnerships, both of whom include transport as a priority theme within their Single Outcome Agreements. Nestrans also continues to work with other regional agencies, such as Aberdeen City and Shire Economic Future (ACSEF) and the Strategic Development Planning Authority (SDPA). Nestrans has commissioned a joint Public Relations Services contract with ACSEF allowing both organisations to benefit from cost savings. Nestrans collaborated with the SDPA on the production of the Aberdeen City and Shire Strategic Development Plan to 2035 and the refresh of the Regional Transport Strategy has helped to ensure that the economic, development planning and transport frameworks are fully aligned and the transport needs of the north east can be met. Contributions continue to be received to the Strategic Transport Fund that Nestrans administers and this will allow transport improvements to be developed and implemented to mitigate the cumulative impact of future development.

Nestrans 2013/14 Budgets

The Nestrans Board approved Capital and Revenue Budgets in 2013/14 that amounted to over £3 million as a result of funding provided by Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire Councils and the Scottish Government. This was allocated to allow further development and delivery of projects to achieve the aims and objectives within the RTS. This included safety improvements and prioritised maintenance on strategic corridors. A significant contribution was made to the refurbishment of Fraserburgh Bus Station and a replacement mini bus purchased for the A2B dial-a-bus service.

Design, planning and land purchase for a number of projects such as A90 (S) Park and Choose, Ellon Park & Ride improvement and a bus turning circle to the west of Dyce railway station for the service to Aberdeen airport have been progressed. Strategic walking and cycle routes again had further significant investment that included construction of further cycle infrastructure at Peterhead and Greenbrae Cycle Demonstration areas.

Nestrans has continued to allocate funding to progress the projects within the Bus, Rail, Freight and Health & Transport Action Plans and this has seen the roll out of the Transport to Healthcare Information Centre (THInC) to cover all NHS Grampian sites. Project feasibility studies have seen the completion of the Scottish Transport Appraisal Guidance (STAG) part 1 study for the Bridge of Dee study and commissioning of an Access to Laurencekirk Study. Further travel planning support has been given to several organisations and active and sustainable travel continues to be promoted through the Getabout brand. This has included staging several cycle roadshows throughout the north east and promotion of Park & Ride, public transport, liftshare, walking, cycling and the Co-wheels car club. Nestrans continued to seek efficiencies and to bring in other sources of funding through partnerships with other parties.

RTS Results

The monitoring of the Regional Transport Strategy is now in its sixth year and a substantial amount of data is presented. In the past year the vast majority of the indicators for which data is available have been on target or are showing some success. Whilst it will take many years for the Strategy to decisively influence all the targets and indicators, they will continue to be monitored regularly to ensure that we can consider progress and target measures to achieve success.

The Year Ahead

In the coming year the contract for construction of the Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route and Balmedie to Tipperty dualling will be awarded. An outline strategy for delivery of the A96 dualling will be developed and preliminary engineering and environmental assessment work along the A96 corridor progressed. It is hoped that the Stage 3 study into Aberdeen to Inverness rail improvements will be published. New franchisees will be announced for the East Coast Mainline and Scotrail services and Nestrans will continue to seek journey time reductions on services between Aberdeen and the central belt. Nestrans will also continue to press for improvements to local rail services to build on the growth that is already being experienced at north east stations when service enhancements are made. The preferred bidder for the A96 Inveramsay Bridge improvement will be announced and the preferred option design and draft orders for the A90/A96 Haudagain junction improvement progressed. Aberdeen City Council will award the contract for the construction of the Third Don Crossing, which is a key component of the Haudagain junction improvement.

The Nestrans Capital and Revenue budgets for 2014/15 will allow further road safety, strategic maintenance, bus, freight and cycling and walking projects to be implemented. Land will be purchased for an access road and car park at the proposed railway station in Kintore. Funding is in place to progress the various action plans that support the Regional Transport Strategy and an Active Travel Action Plan will be developed. The supplementary guidance that defines the requirement for contributions to the Strategic Transport Fund that Nestrans holds and administers will be reviewed in 2014/15 with the intention that it be adopted as statutory guidance as part of the new Strategic Development Plan.

INTRODUCTION 01

Nestrans is the statutory Regional Transport Partnership for the north east of Scotland and covers the City of Aberdeen and the Aberdeenshire area. There are seven Regional Transport Partnerships throughout Scotland and each is required to prepare an annual report for submission to Scottish Ministers and constituent councils.

This report provides a review of the previous financial year from 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014 and notes performance in delivery of the objectives within the Regional Transport Strategy.

Chapter 2 gives an update on the Nestrans organisation in 2013/14.

Chapter 3 gives an update on the Regional Transport Strategy (RTS) and the various supporting Action Plans. It notes the approval of the RTS refresh that extends the strategy to cover the period to 2035 to ensure integration with the timeline of the Strategic Development Plan that was also being developed.

Chapter 4 contains a summary of how Nestrans has represented north east transport interests in the past year.

Chapter 5 provides details on transport project delivery within the north east at national, regional and local level, including the projects delivered through the Nestrans Capital and Revenue programmes for 2013/14. A summary of where Nestrans has sought efficiencies by bringing in other sources of funding through partnerships with other organisations is also given along with details on information publication requirements.

Chapter 6 provides a summary of the latest monitoring report that measures performance to date in achieving the objectives of the Regional Transport Strategy and the progress against the targets that have been set.

Chapter 7 looks forward to the priorities in the forthcoming year for strategy development, partnership working and project delivery at national and regional level.

Chapter 8 discusses available funding sources for the coming year and the proposed Capital and Revenue Budgets for Nestrans in 2014/15.

NESTRANS ORGANISATION 02

Nestrans Board and Executive Team

Councillor Peter Argyle has continued as the Nestrans Chair in 2013/14. Changes have been made to the external Board Members and have been approved by the Minister for Transport and Veterans. The Nestrans Executive team has remained at full complement throughout the year. Membership details of the Nestrans Board and Executive Team are given in full within Appendix 1.

Governance Documents

The full suite of governance documents within which Nestrans, as a publically accountable body, must operate are published on the Nestrans website. This has been updated to include a new Code of Conduct for Board Members that is in line with the revised Model Code for members of devolved public bodies that was approved by the Scottish Parliament on 4 December 2013. A Treasury Management Strategy for 2013/14 was also approved by the Nestrans Board in June 2013 and added to the governance documents.

Equalities Duties

In line with its Public Sector Equalities Duties, Nestrans produced an Equalities Mainstreaming Report in 2013 that can be viewed on the Nestrans website.

The Equality and Human Rights Commission are working in partnership with the Scottish Government to help improve delivery on equality across the public sector with the aim of supporting better performance of the Public Sector Equality Duty across Scotland and improving outcomes for communities.

Nestrans, along with 52 other public authorities, has been invited to participate in an 'Improving Equality Outcomes' project as our outcomes have been assessed as needing improvement. The key points highlighted through feedback are that they would benefit from a stronger link between the outcomes and the evidence that supports them, clearly defining the outcomes that are set and ensuring that they are SMART (specific, measurable, achievable, relevant and time-bound).

Nestrans will be attending a workshop run by the Equalities and Human Rights Commission in June 2014 and thereafter will re-visit and review our Equalities outcomes, using the self-assessment guidance provided and re-submit them to the Equalities and Human Rights Commission for feedback through this project prior to submitting them to the Nestrans Board for approval in autumn 2014. The approved Equality Outcomes report will then be published on the Nestrans website.

REGIONAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY 03

Nestrans was constituted as a statutory Regional Transport Partnership in April 2006 and gained Ministerial approval in 2008 for the Regional Transport Strategy (RTS) for the period to 2021. The Nestrans Board agreed in 2011 to undertake a light refresh of the RTS to take account of the changes to the policy and economic context within which the RTS sits that have occurred since the strategy was adopted in 2008. The most significant of these being the publication of the Structure Plan and adoption of Local Development Plans for both Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire Councils. Although the development plans are in line with the objectives of the 2008 RTS, they will have significant implications for the regions transport network which needed to be considered. The opportunity was therefore taken to refresh and also extend the period of the transport strategy to 2035 to align it with the timeline of the developing Strategic Development Plan (SDP) for the north east.

Consultation was a key component in refreshing the RTS. The main issues report was revised following consultation and published in January 2013. The draft RTS refresh document was then consulted upon alongside a strategic environmental assessment and equalities impact assessment between April and June 2013.

The RTS Refresh was submitted to the Scottish Government for comment in September 2013 and a final version was approved by the Minister for Transport and Veterans on 16 January 2014. The final approved RTS Refresh and supporting documents are all published on the Nestrans website. The refresh builds on the original RTS and updates 'The Preferred Strategy Package' and should therefore be taken as an addendum to the original strategy document.

Progress in the past year with the various Plans and Strategies that have been developed to support the delivery of the RTS and meet the aims and objectives therein are detailed below.

HEALTH AND TRANSPORT ACTION PLAN (HTAP)

Following the merger of the Scottish Police forces, Police Scotland were no longer able to second an employee to the HTAP co-ordinator post. NHS Grampian and Nestrans advertised for a two year appointment given the perceived difficulty in filling the post for a single year due to the current job market in the Aberdeen travel to work area. A new co-ordinator was appointed in October 2013 by Aberdeenshire Council with the post continuing to be jointly funded by Nestrans and NHS Grampian.

The current Health and Transport Action Plan was produced in 2008 and JMP Consultants were commissioned to review the plan to take account of economic and legislative changes since it was originally developed and of best practice in other areas. This will help to make it consistent with Government direction as noted in, for example, the Healthcare Transport Framework and the Audit Scotland report on access to health and social care. In the meantime, the following progress has been made on the three key elements for delivery within the current action plan:

1. Active Lifestyle

The Getabout partnership continues to share resources to plan and undertake events and initiatives to encourage active lifestyles, including a range of events across Aberdeen City and Shire during Bike Week and European Mobility Week.

Nestrans and NHS Grampian jointly funded publicity for Walk to Work Week in May 2013 to encourage NHS staff to sign up to the event. Registration information was provided on the NHS Grampian website along with links to supporting information and tools such as walking maps, the walkit.com journey planner and Paths for All websites. Nestrans has continued to assist NHS Grampian with the development of Travel Plans for all NHS sites.

2. Links between Transport and Public Health

Strategic noise maps for Aberdeen were produced in May 2013 by Scottish Government consultants and the top 1% average noise level areas were selected for consideration as Candidate Noise Management Areas and Candidate Rail Management Areas. Draft Noise Action Plans have been developed and consultation on them is being managed by the Scottish Government. Details can be viewed on the Scottish noise mapping website. Aberdeen City Council has continued to implement their Air Quality Action Plan and their successful EU bid with partner organisations to provide a three year trial of 10 hydrogen fuel buses and a hydrogen refuelling centre in Aberdeen will support a cleaner vehicle fleet in the City. The first four buses were delivered in March 2014.

Actions implemented by Nestrans in the past year included participation in a joint air quality/ active travel promotional event on the Beach Esplanade, advertisement of the Co-wheels Car Club, which has been increased to include a wheelchair adapted vehicle and three electric cars and provision of further walking and cycling initiatives.

3. Access to Healthcare

The Transport to Healthcare Information Centre (THInC) launched as a pilot project in Elgin on 31 January 2013 to give advice on transport options for appointments at a small number of clinics. The service has now been rolled out to provide information on access to all NHS Grampian sites and is being promoted on all appointment letters. A communications plan has been implemented that has included advertising on posters, prescription bags, news articles and usage of social media.

Nestrans has jointly funded a journey planning travel screen with NHS Grampian for the new Aberdeen Community Health and Care Village that opened in December 2013.

BUS ACTION PLAN

The Local Authority Bus Operators Forum, which comprises Nestrans, Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire Councils, Stagecoach Bluebird and First Aberdeen continues to work in partnership to progress the actions within the Bus Action Plan for north east Scotland.

The development of a Statutory Quality Partnership agreement has been proposed, with the A944 Westhill to Aberdeen identified as the first corridor for consideration and preliminary discussions are underway. Surveys were undertaken to monitor journey times on the Buchan to King Street Bus Punctuality Improvement Partnership (BPiP) corridor. Bus companies have asked that consideration is given to extending the hours of operation for peak period bus lanes within Aberdeen and initial queue length surveys either side of the operating hours have been undertaken and are to be repeated.

Nestrans funded a festive travel campaign under the Getabout brand to provide information on options for planning journeys to Aberdeen City Centre and this was advertised on billboards, bus shelters, bus backs, local radio, printed leaflets and an interactive leaflet on the Getabout website. Nestrans also funded an update to the software of the journey information kiosks and totems throughout the north east to improve the mapping tools and make the displays more interactive.

A bus satisfaction survey for the region was undertaken to build upon the results reported from 2010 to 2013. Minutes from the LABOF Steering Group Meetings are reported to the Nestrans Board and can be viewed on the Nestrans website.

FREIGHT ACTION PLAN

The Freight Action Plan was approved in 2009 and as many of the actions have been completed or are no longer priorities, it was decided to refresh the Action Plan in support of the refresh of the Regional Transport Strategy. A draft document was agreed and consultation took place with the Freight Forum and Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire Councils. The draft document was also published on the Nestrans website for comment in October 2013 with the public consultation closing in December 2013. The responses received are being used to inform the preparation of the final Freight Action Plan 2. The refreshed plan is being developed through the European project on green freight corridors (GreCor). Participation in this project is being jointly funded by Nestrans and Aberdeenshire Council.

RAIL ACTION PLAN

The Rail Action Plan can be viewed on the Nestrans website. The number of Sunday trains between Inverurie, Dyce and Aberdeen were doubled when ScotRail introduced their new timetable in May 2013 as a result of financial assistance offered by Nestrans. Passenger numbers at Dyce and Inverurie have soared in recent years in response to timetable improvements that provide over 20 north and southbound services from Monday to Saturday.

As the five trains in each direction on a Sunday are extremely busy, Nestrans made the case to Scotrail for expanding the service and agreed to contribute to the additional costs in operating extra trains should this not be fully met by an increase in fare revenues. As a result six additional return services were introduced to help provide a regular and convenient alternative to travel by car at the weekend.

Local timetables have again been updated as required following schedule revisions and are available to download for each station within the north east from the travel choices, travel by rail section of the Getabout website.

Nestrans funded surveys to quantify the extent of overcrowding on AM and PM peak time trains in the north east in November 2013. The results indicated that overcrowding in peak periods is significant and appears to have worsened since previous surveys undertaken in 2011. Nestrans has written to Network Rail, Transport Scotland and Scotrail to draw their attention to the results and request that consideration be given to providing additional capacity to meet the current and potential future demands.

ACTIVE TRAVEL ACTION PLAN

The RTS refresh suggested that a further Action Plan be developed to detail actions and priorities for active travel. The plan will seek to provide high level strategic guidance and policy as well as identifying priority actions aimed at encouraging active travel across the north east and contribute towards the national vision of 10% of journeys by bicycle as well as identifying ways of maximising walking and other active travel options. A working group has been established of Nestrans and local authority staff to develop a draft Active Travel Action Plan and the broad outline and focus of the strategy, including the vision, objectives and proposed strategic network have been agreed.

FARES AND TICKETING STRATEGY

The joint fares and ticketing strategy for the north east is published on the Nestrans website and contains an Action Plan to deliver the Strategy's aims and objectives. It includes an action to work with operators to encourage joint ticketing arrangements and in the past year this has been progressed with the development of a multi-operator ticket. Six local bus operators have signed up to the Grasshopper service and day and week passes are to be launched. This will allow customers to purchase a single ticket that can be used on services by different operators and is estimated to save around 15% in comparison with the cost of separate tickets.

A task group has been established to develop smart ticketing initiatives and discussions held with Transport Scotland, who have been awarded funding from the Smart Cities Alliance to recruit four project managers to take smart ticketing forward across the country. It is hoped that a manager will be based in the north east, or at least dedicated to projects in this area and suggestions on pilot projects have been fed into the action list that Transport Scotland is developing.

REGIONAL PARKING STRATEGY

The final Regional Parking Strategy is published on the Nestrans website. It recognises that management and control of parking needs to play a different role in different areas, such as Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire towns, villages and rural areas. As the delivery and management of parking falls primarily to local authorities and to private car park operators, the Strategy sets out the wider objectives and strategic direction for the region as a whole, rather than detail specific mechanisms for delivery at a local level. In the past year, the Strategy will have been considered in the review of car parking that has been undertaken by Aberdeenshire Council.

TRAVEL PLANNING STRATEGY

The Travel Planning Strategy was developed by the Getabout partnership, which consists of Nestrans, Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire Councils, NHS Grampian, Aberdeen University, Robert Gordon University, North East Scotland College, The James Hutton Institute and Home Energy Scotland. The group continues to deliver the actions within the strategy to encourage active and sustainable travel.

In the past year Nestrans has provided assistance to various organisations to develop travel plans including the new Prime Four business park, Nexen, Apache and all major NHS Grampian sites. A travel plan support group for oil and gas companies has been set up and foyer events held at various individual companies throughout the year to advise on travel options. The Getabout website also continues to have an on-line travel plan builder to help organisations build a travel plan, with a travel plan officer assisting on line if needed.

The 'Getabout Cycle Roadshow' went to eleven primary and secondary schools throughout the region in conjunction with Bike Week and European Mobility Week and appeared at:

- Run Balmoral
- Robert Gordon University Open Day
- Huntly Bike Week event
- Portsoy Boat Festival
- Portlethen Gala
- Braemar Junior Highland Games
- Active schools cycle ride at Hazlehead
- Aden Bike Challenge
- Peterhead Fisherman's Mission
- Fraserburgh
- Garioch Sports Centre
- Duthie Park
- Aberdeen City Centre locations
- Pedal for Scotland Event in Aberdeen
- Scottish Best Outdoors Exhibition

The roadshow also appeared at the In Town Without my Car event as part of European Mobility Week, which closed a key road within Aberdeen City Centre and offered various activities such as low emission and hybrid buses, pavement cafés, electric bikes, free bike doctor and cycle rickshaw services, a climbing wall and dance classes. Co-wheels car club offered demonstrations of new electric cars and free membership was provided to those joining on the day. As part of a road safety awareness initiative members of the public were invited into the cab of an HGV to demonstrate how many bikes could be hidden in the blind spot of the wing mirrors.

The Getabout events kit has been replenished with new banners, bunting, café barriers, tables and chairs. Spare parts to maintain the cycle roadshow bikes and provide a Dr Bike service were also purchased as necessary. Stocks of promotional merchandise branded with the Getabout logo were purchased for events and included t-shirts, gym towels, trolley shopper coin key rings, cycle bells and reflective slap bands.

The Getabout website is regularly updated with latest news and details of upcoming events. Promotions were undertaken in the past year for the Co-wheels car club, Getabout liftshare, active travel, European Mobility Week and festive period travel options to Aberdeen City Centre. They were promoted using a variety of media such as leaflets, roadside billboard, highlighters, bus rears and bus shelter adverts, radio adverts on various north east stations, newspapers and on facebook. The liftshare adverts were also displayed on petrol pumps at several filling stations in the north east.

Getabout also worked in conjunction with Aberdeen City Wardens' Bike Patrol to help cyclists be seen in winter. A winter roadshow was held by Aberdeen City Council on 16 November at which bike lights and high-vis items were distributed and thereafter City Wardens stopped cyclists seen without lights after dark to warn them they are infringing the Highway Code and provide them with a free set of Getabout bike lights.

The getabout.liftshare.com website continues to provide a successful car share scheme and operates with a number of sub-groups so that individual organisations can have their own section under the wider umbrella or be involved in the larger scheme. Almost 500 new members have joined Getabout liftshare in the last year bringing the total membership to almost 3,000 members.

DELIVERY PLAN

The Delivery Plan was published in 2009 and set out how the aims of the Regional Transport Strategy can be delivered over the period of its operation to 2021. It was accepted that this would be subject to future budget and partner agreements, but it continues to be used as the basis for preparing Capital and Revenue Budget programmes each year.

Progress reports on delivery of the Regional Transport Strategy are prepared for each Board meeting and updates on the various Action Plans are made at regular intervals. All Board reports can be viewed on the Nestrans website.

REPRESENTING NORTH EAST INTERESTS 04

Nestrans has continued to represent north east interests and ensure that they are considered on a national stage. In the past year this has included:

High Speed Rail

The proposed HS2 route from Birmingham to Manchester/Leeds has been published. The findings for any proposals further north to Scotland are not expected to be reported until 2015 and will be developed in consultation with Transport Scotland. Nestrans represents the northern Regional Transport Partnerships on the High Speed Rail Scotland Group that has been reconvened to look in detail at the case for taking HSR north from Manchester/Leeds to Edinburgh/Glasgow and also to look at the case for High Speed Rail between Edinburgh and Glasgow. Under this group there are three sub groups considering benefits, vision and capacity and connectivity. Nestrans sit on the benefits group, with Tactran and Hitrans each agreeing to sit on one of the other groups.

Aviation Matters

Nestrans continues to raise the issue of access to Heathrow and global destinations beyond and has met with Transport Scotland, the Department for Transport, the Davies Airports Commission and Baroness Kramer to stress the vital importance of this to the north east and UK economies and to help mitigate the potential negative impacts for our area from High Speed Rail. Nestrans attends the Cross Party Group meetings on Aviation at the Scottish Parliament and attended the Runways UK Conference which discussed the Airport Commission's Interim Report on increasing runway capacity in South East England and the shortlisted options. Nestrans and Hitrans have jointly commissioned an update to the previous regional air access evidence work.

Aberdeen International Airport

Nestrans coordinates local authority involvement in aviation matters on behalf of the two councils and provides input and feedback as necessary in relation to aviation matters. Nestrans has worked with Aberdeen International Airport to prepare responses to various consultations such as night flying restrictions at Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted, EU guidelines on state aid to airports and airlines and the Civil Air Authority consultation on air space reclassification.

Ferries

Nestrans coordinates local authority involvement in ferry matters on behalf of the two councils and provides input and feedback as necessary in relation to ferry matters.

Rail

An East Coast Mainline Authorities (ECMA) grouping has been established, consisting of local authorities and Regional Transport partnerships along the route of the London Kings Cross-Aberdeen railway, to highlight the economic importance of the line and the need for investment to ensure that the economies of the relevant regions continue to prosper. Nestrans facilitated a meeting in Aberdeen on 17 January to gauge the level of support for investment and the importance of the route for regional economies, which was well attended and provided significant input to the ECMA's case. Nestrans commissioned a survey of crowding levels on trains in the north east, which indicated that overcrowding in peak time trains is significant and appears to have worsened since the 2011 survey and this has been highlighted to Ministers, Network Rail and Transport Scotland. Nestrans has also met with some of the companies shortlisted to tender for the Scotrail Franchise by April 2014 in advance of them submitting their bids.

PARTNERSHIP WORKING

Regional Transport Partnerships, Scottish Government and CoSLA

Nestrans continues to liaise with other Regional Transport Partnerships (RTPs) through quarterly meetings of the Chairs and further quarterly meetings between Lead Officers, including Scottish Government and the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (CoSLA).

Community Planning Partnerships and Single Outcome Agreements

Nestrans is a member and contributes financially to both Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire Community Planning Partnerships (CPP). Nestrans previously assisted with the drafting and updating of the transport related items in the reviewed Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) that were submitted to Scottish Government by the end of March 2013. Transport is included as a priority theme within both SOAs and Nestrans has participated in sessions with both CPP where progression of this theme has been discussed. Nestrans continues to assist with the provision of information for the monitoring of the agreements.

Aberdeen City and Shire Economic Future (ACSEF)

Nestrans continues to work in close partnership with the north east's regional economic agency ACSEF. Integrated transport is a key priority within ACSEF's Economic Action Plan for 2013-18 and the Nestrans Director is a member of the ACSEF Management team.

Nestrans and ACSEF commissioned a joint Public Relations Services contract in July 2013, which has offered better value for money over the previously separate contracts by ensuring a fully joined-up approach and has allowed each organisation to benefit from cost savings. The joint twitter account @ACSEF_Nestrans went live on 12 August 2013 and gives news on Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire's economic future and transport links.

Strategic Development Planning Authority (SDPA)

Nestrans collaborated with the Strategic Development Plan Authority in the production of their Strategic Development Plan and the refresh of the Regional Transport Strategy sought to align the Strategy with the transport implications of the Strategic Development Plan. The Proposed Aberdeen City and Shire Strategic Development Plan was submitted to Scottish Ministers for approval on 4 July 2013. The Scottish Government's Directorate for Planning and Environmental Appeals (DPEA) concluded its examination of the Plan on 21 January 2014 and made a small number of recommendations for changes. Scottish Ministers approved the Aberdeen City and Shire Strategic Development Plan (2014) on 28 March 2014.

The Plan sets the framework for a multi-billion pound investment in jobs, homes and infrastructure over the next 20 years and will set an important framework for the Local Development Plans being prepared by the two councils.

Strategic Transport Fund

The Strategic Transport Fund was developed to deliver the scope and scale of interventions that may be required to mitigate the congestion impacts associated with new development and to provide an appropriate level of public transport accessibility. It was intended that the non-statutory supplementary guidance Delivering Identified Projects through a Strategic Transport Fund adopted in early 2012 in support of the previous Aberdeen City and Shire Structure Plan 2009 would be reviewed and adopted as statutory guidance as part of the new Strategic Development Plan. The examination reporters however suggested that an additional piece of work is required before the refreshed guidance is consulted upon. Transport Scotland has expressed their support for the Fund and willingness to work with the Strategic Development Plan Authority, Nestrans, councils and other relevant stakeholders to develop a mechanism that can in due course be approved as statutory supplementary guidance. In the interim, the current non-statutory guidance will continue to be used, although developers will still have the option of assessing their cumulative impacts on the transport network and mitigating them in line with the Strategic Development Plan. Payment of contributions into the Strategic Transport Fund comes direct to Nestrans and details of contributions in the period to 31 March 2014 are given in chapter 8 on funding.

The STF working group which consists of representatives from Nestrans, the Strategic Development Planning Authority, Aberdeen City Council, Aberdeenshire Council and Transport Scotland developed a draft prioritisation of the STF interventions. This was put out for a seven week period of consultation with the development industry and other relevant stakeholders which closed at the end of January 2014. The responses received are being considered in detail and will assist in creating the most appropriate order of priority for the identified interventions to be developed using monies within the Strategic Transport Fund.

PROJECT DELIVERY 05

PROGRESS AT NATIONAL LEVEL

Nestrans has continued to seek identification of funding and a priority for delivery of North East projects within the Government's Strategic Transport Projects Review (STPR) whilst noting the Government's intended investment as set out in the Infrastructure Investment Plan (IIP).

The following progress has been made in the past year:

Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route and Balmedie to Tipperty Dualling

The Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route and Balmedie to Tipperty (AWPR\B-T) dualling are now being delivered within a single combined Non Profit Distributing (NPD) Project. Following Pre-Qualification Questionnaire submissions and subsequent assessment, four economic operators have been invited to participate in Competitive Dialogue for the AWPR\B-T, namely:

- Connect Roads
- Granite City Roads
- North east Roads Partnership
- Scotia Roads Group

Each of the four participants is supported by their group's respective composition of major national Contractors/Consultants. The Competitive Dialogue process is progressing well and in accordance with the timetable established at the commencement of dialogue in May 2013. Along the route, a significant number of procurements in relation to advance works and services required for a civil engineering project of this magnitude have been undertaken. Completed contracts include non-invasive archaeological investigations, demolition of the former International School of Aberdeen, installation of hydrological and hydrogeological monitoring equipment, and various ecological mitigation measures in respect of bats, badgers, otters and red squirrels.

A96 dualling

The Scottish Government's Infrastructure and Investment Plan set out the aim to dual the A96 Trunk Road between Aberdeen and Inverness by 2030. Transport Scotland has commissioned preliminary engineering and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) work to assess the route wide constraints, issues and opportunities for A96 dualling. Public consultation was undertaken at various venues along the route in 2013 to increase public awareness and seek initial views on the project.

A96 and A90 (S) Park & Choose

Aberdeen City Council has progressed the design and contract documentation for the A96 Park & Choose site and link road between the A96 and the junction of Dyce Drive/Argyll Road. Design works have been undertaken for a nearby alternative site for a Park & Choose off the A90 Trunk Road to the south of Aberdeen following a representation against the original planning application submitted in August 2011. A planning application for the alternative site was submitted in January 2014 and negotiations are ongoing with both land owners and both options are being investigated to determine the best value and most feasible option.

Strategic Rail Improvements – Aberdeen to Inverness

Publication is still awaited of the Stage 3 study by Network Rail to assess the feasibility, cost and deliverability of the proposed options identified in the Stage 2 study published in March 2011 to improve the Aberdeen – Inverness line, including consideration of a new station at Kintore. The GRIP3 (Governance for Railway Investment Projects) report should identify a preferred option from the three options identified in the earlier study and confirm that an hourly service frequency and two hour journey time are feasible. On 28 March 2014 the First Minister announced a £170 million scheme of works, to be completed over the next five years. This includes redoubling of the track between Aberdeen and Inverurie, platform extensions to accommodate six-car trains at Insch and Elgin and infrastructure to allow for new stations at Kintore and Dalcross.

Nestrans previously undertook a study with Hitrans to investigate the extra cost of enhancing Sunday rail services to provide additional trains between Aberdeen and Inverurie and between Inverness and Elgin. Although it was envisaged that additional revenue could more than cover the cost, Nestrans agreed to contribute funding to underwrite the cost risk up to a defined maximum in 2013/14. This enabled extra Sunday trains to be introduced between Aberdeen and Inverurie from 19 May 2013, increasing the number of trains from five to eleven in each direction.

A96 Inveramsay Bridge

Orders for the improvement were published and came into force on 31 October 2013. The public notice for the main contract, worth around £11 million, was published on 30 January 2014. Further advance works are underway to provide companies bidding to construct the road with detailed ground condition information to inform their emerging designs. Full details can be viewed on A96 Inveramsay Bridge project page on the Transport Scotland website.

A90/A96 Haudagain

The preferred option agreed by Nestrans, Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire Councils has been approved by the Minister for Transport, albeit it will have to be checked against the new local development plans that have been progressed by the local authorities since the assessment of the Haudagain options was completed. Transport Scotland appointed Jacobs UK Limited in May 2013 as design consultants for the A90 / A96 Haudagain Improvement. Jacobs are undertaking a Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB) Stage 2 report.

Third Don Crossing

Although being delivered as a local scheme, the Third Don Crossing is a key component of the A90/A96 Haudagain junction improvement. In the past year Aberdeen City Council has progressed the design and contract documentation.

A90 Bridge of Dee

The Scottish Transport Appraisal Guidance (STAG) part 1 assessment of the option concepts taken forward from the pre-appraisal that investigated transport improvements in the A90 Bridge of Dee area was completed and published in March 2014. The report was referred to Aberdeen City Council for consideration and it has been agreed that the following concepts be progressed to STAG part 2 assessment:

- Concept 6: new upstream crossing with additional Non Motorised User (NMU) crossing adjacent to a reconfigured existing Bridge of Dee.
- Concept 6B: as Concept 6, with additional link from Garthdee Road/Inchgarth Road to A93 North Deeside Road.
- Concept 7- new crossing adjacent to existing Bridge of Dee, which is reconfigured for NMU use only.

Latest information on the study can be viewed on Aberdeen City Council's website.

Inverurie Transport Interchange

Network Rail has worked through their procedures for the disposal of part of the rail freight yards at Inverurie Station that are required for the project and have asked the Office of the Rail Regulator for final approval of their proposal for release.

A90 Laurencekirk Junctions

Following a competitive tender process Nestrans has appointed CH2M HILL to study the preferred solution for access to Laurencekirk. The study is being undertaken in partnership with Transport Scotland, Aberdeenshire and Angus Councils and Tactran, with part-funding for the study being provided by Transport Scotland. The study will consider the current conditions, future traffic growth on the A90 from potential development within Laurencekirk and the impacts on the surrounding areas. To ensure a robust evidence base for any preferred solution, the study will utilise the Scottish Transport Appraisal Guidance (STAG) and the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB) to identify a preferred solution for access between the A90 Trunk Road and Laurencekirk, whilst ensuring it improves road safety and is cost effective. The study will also seek to ensure the efficient operation of Laurencekirk High Street and meet the needs of local businesses and residents.

Stakeholder events were held in February and March 2013 to help ensure that all problems, opportunities, issues and constraints are identified and to assist with the development of the study objectives. Traffic surveys of the area were also undertaken.

NESTRANS 2013/14 CAPITAL BUDGET

Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire Councils again provided Capital funding to Nestrans and the Nestrans Board approved a Capital Programme of £2,397,000 in 2013/14, comprising of £2,054,000 from partner Councils and £343,000 of surplus from previous years. This was later supplemented with £100,000 funding from Transport Scotland towards the Access to Laurencekirk Study.

Regular programme monitoring takes place between Nestrans and the two councils to ensure efficient delivery of the Capital programme. A number of virements were made throughout the year to reflect changing circumstances and ensure optimum performance against the available budgets. Proposed revisions to the budget allocations were reported to the Board for approval through the regular budget matters report. The final approved revised budget is shown in the table overleaf, along with the final costs for these projects.

NESTRANS 2013/14 REVENUE PROGRAMME

Revenue support from the Scottish Government was maintained at the previous year's levels as was the funding amounts requested from Council partners. This resulted in an approved Nestrans Revenue Budget for 2013/14 of £1,026,350. Proposed revisions to the budget allocations were reported to the Board for approval through the regular budget matters report. The final approved revised budget is shown in the table overleaf, along with the projected out turn.

NESTRANS 2013/14 CAPITAL BUDGET

Project Category: Summary details	Capital allocation	Projected out-turn
Strategic road - capacity improvements: Access to Laurencekirk Study.	£125,000	£111,584
Strategic road - safety improvements: A947 Route Action Study - Phase 2 of Bend Improvement Strategy and localised surfacing, drainage and lining. Retexturing road surface, road studs and lining works on strategic routes within Aberdeen.	£191,000	£193,707
Strategic road - prioritised maintenance: A947 from Fyvie Station to U45s Junction Ph2. A920 Colpy to Potts Rayne. A952 North of Shannas Cottages to Wester Pettymarcus. A92 from south of dual carriageway to Nether Knowe. A944 Tillyfourie westwards. A947 Towie Turner House. A944/A97 Junction at Deskry. A98 Longmanhill - Headition to Roadman's Cottage. A96 Gt N Rd approach to Haudagain. A96 Gt N Rd - St Machar Dr to Printfield Walk. A944 Skene Rd westbound from Kingswells roundabout to Little Brodiach. A944 Lang Stracht bus gate to A944 Skene Rd.	£1,160,000	£1,159,481
Bus Improvements: ENERGETICA CORRIDOR: Ellon Park & Ride. Airport Bus Turning Circle. A96 Park & Choose. GENERAL CORRIDORS: A90 (S) Park & Choose. Aberdeen City and Shire Joint Bus Stop Information Initiatives. Fraserburgh Bus Station Refurbishment. Portlethen bus stop improvements. Replacement A2B minibus.	£526,000	£526,597
Strategic walking and cycle routes: ENERGETICA CORRIDOR Peterhead Cycle Demonstration Towns. Greenbrae Cycle Project. Ellon Road - Strategic Cycle Links. Parkway - Strategic Cycle Links. STRATEGIC CORRIDORS Formartine and Buchan Way - Don Bridge Parkhill. Repairs to Whiteside Farm Bridge on F&B Way. Anderson Drive Cycle Links (LIB). Aberdeen - Blackburn Cycle Path Route. Beach area at School Drive / Cat and Dog Home. Core Paths.	£470,000	£466,036
Freight: A947 Oldmeldrum Road / Dyce Drive Junction Improvement. Howemoss Drive / Dyce Drive Junction Improvement.	£25,000	£25,186
TOTAL	**£2,497,000**	**£2,482,592**

NESTRANS 2013/14 REVENUE PROGRAMME

Budget Heading: Summary details	Approved	Projected out-turn
Core Operating Costs: Partnership Office and support costs and other associated costs such as PR, events, website etc.	£502,000	£488,542
Rail Action Plan: Support for Aberdeen - Inverurie Sunday rail service enhancement and rail overcrowding surveys.	£29,000	£4,750
Freight Action Plan: Contribution to GreCor (year 2 of 3) and Freight Action Plan Actions.	£35,000	£28,080
Health & Transport Action Plan: Contribution to H&T Support Manager and towards actions within plan, including support for the Transport to Healthcare Information Centre (THInC) and contribution to a travel information display screen at new NHS Health Village in Aberdeen.	£42,500	£23,755
Bus Action Plan: Feasibility studies into bus link improvements by locking in the benefits of the AWPR; Upgraded Software for travel information screen displays and Bus Action Plan actions including festive period public transport promotion and bus satisfaction survey. Bus stop clearway remarking throughout the Kincardine & Mearns area.	£70,000	£80,333
General: Aberdeen Sub Area Model (ASAM) Management and Maintenance and contributions to Paramics model upgrades.	£10,000	£1,040
Project Feasibility and Monitoring: Bridge of Dee additional capacity - STAG part 1; Aberdeen City Centre Pedestrianisation and directional signage review to inform roads hierarchy review and lock in the benefits of the AWPR.	£252,850	£202,721
Contingency: Update of aviation issues information, Access from the north traffic cordon analysis and support for Pedal for Scotland and In Town Without my Car Events.	£10,000	£9,546
Rechargeable Costs:		£22,089
Travel Planning: Sustainable travel grants awarded for cycle lockers at Hazlewood School, RGU and Dana Petroleum. Getabout cycle roadshow visited several schools and attended various events throughout the region. Promotions undertaken for active travel, NHS walk to work week and Liftshare. Rail timetable updates for Getabout website and replenishment of Getabout events kit.	£75,000	£95,192
TOTAL	**£1,026,350**	**£956,048**

Other Achievements

In addition to the above there have been other transport achievements. These include:

- Access for All improvements at Dyce Station to make it fully DDA compliant have been completed with a new overbridge constructed and lifts provided at either side.
- The £33 million multi-phase redevelopment by Aberdeen Harbour Board of Torry Quay was completed in 2013. The reconstruction of the quays has created 400 metres of deep water berthage and seven hectares of back-up area. This has resulted in growth in both vessel numbers and cargo throughput at the harbour.
- Aberdeen Harbour Board has unveiled Nigg Bay as the preferred location for a new deep water facility. The Scottish Government has recognised the development plans and included them in the National Planning Framework 3 - Proposed Framework Document, where they are shortlisted as one of 14 projects that have been recognised by the Government as having national significance.
- The work to deepen Fraserburgh's North Harbour that began in November 2012 is nearing completion and it is estimated that works will be fully complete in summer 2014.
- Peterhead Port Authority unveiled plans for a £40 million redevelopment that includes deepening of both the port's north and south harbours and approaches from 3.5m-7m, construction of a new fish market on the site of the former Greenhill market and covered landing areas.
- Aberdeen International Airport announced £13 million of investment to redevelop the terminal, including expansion of the departures lounge, new catering and retail opportunities, upgraded baggage belts, new security search area and increased executive lounge capacity. Works have started and are due to be complete in 2017.
- Aberdeen City Council began issuing charge notices to offenders from 22 April 2013 using the new digital bus lane enforcement camera system funded by Nestrans. Net bus lane enforcement charge monies will be used to fund approved schemes that meet the aims and objectives within Aberdeen City Council's Local Transport Strategy.
- The Co-wheels car club fleet was expanded within Aberdeen City through provision of a wheelchair adapted vehicle and three electric vehicles.
- Further electric vehicle charging points have been installed across Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire using grant funding from Transport Scotland through a UK-wide initiative called Plugged in Places.
- Aberdeen City Council continuing delivery of the multi-million pound Strategic European Hydrogen Transport Project to introduce hydrogen buses to the north east and the first of 10 hydrogen buses has been delivered.

Seeking Efficiencies

Nestrans has continued to seek efficiencies and to bring in other sources of funding through partnerships with other parties. In the past year this has included:

- Jointly funding a co-ordinator post to deliver the Health and Transport Action Plan with NHS Grampian and provision of a travel information display screen for the new Aberdeen Community Health and Care Village.
- NHS Grampian fully funding a refresh of the Health and Transport Action Plan.
- Nestrans, Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire and Moray Councils, NHS Grampian and The Scottish Ambulance Service continued to support the Transport to Healthcare Information Centre (THInC) that was launched in 2013 and have now also attracted funding from Hitrans.

- Jointly funding projects and studies with constituent local authorities and partner organisations.
- Bids by both Aberdeen City Council and Aberdeenshire Council that were supported by Nestrans have been successful in gaining funding from the Scottish Government's Bus Investment Fund. In Aberdeenshire, the funding will be used to develop mini interchange hubs along the A947 and in the city to create through access for buses at the Kingswells Park and Choose site.
- Joint working and funding with European partners and Aberdeenshire Council on the GreCor green freight corridors project that will look at freight access to hub ports.
- Joint working and funding with Getabout partners and various other public and private sector organisations such as NHS Grampian, Aberdeen Cycle Forum, Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland, First Aberdeen and Stagecoach Bluebird to promote active and sustainable travel.
- Purchase of additional Getabout cycle roadshow stock for use at events in partnership with Adventure Aberdeen who hold, maintain and transport it to venues and provide staff to enable this type of event to be provided more frequently and at significantly reduced cost than hiring stock and bringing it to the north east.
- Nestrans funding towards cycle improvements has been used by the Local Authorities as a basis to attract further match funding in the past year of over £110,000.

Information Publication

Sections 31 and 32 of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 impose duties to publish information on certain expenditure and statements on steps taken to promote and increase sustainable growth and improve efficiency, effectiveness and economy through the exercise of its functions. A statement was published on the Nestrans website following completion of the annual accounts to detail expenditure in the 2013/14 financial year relating to the following stipulated matters:

- Public Relations
- Overseas Travel
- Hospitality and Entertainment
- External Consultancy
- Payments with a value in excess of £25,000
- Members or employees who received remuneration in excess of £150,000

Statements have also been prepared on the steps taken by Nestrans in the exercise of its functions to:

- Promote and increase sustainable economic growth
- Improve efficiency, effectiveness and economy

The above information required under the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 is also included within Appendix 2.

RESULTS 06

Monitoring Report

The Monitoring Report provides information and background data to support the development of the Regional Transport Strategy (RTS), as approved by Scottish Ministers in July 2008. This is the sixth monitoring report, considering progress towards achievement of the measures identified as providing a baseline, when the RTS was originally approved by Board and submitted to the Scottish Government in 2007. It should be noted that most indicators will take many years for the Strategy to decisively influence them, but it is Nestrans' intention to maintain regular monitoring of its targets and indicators.

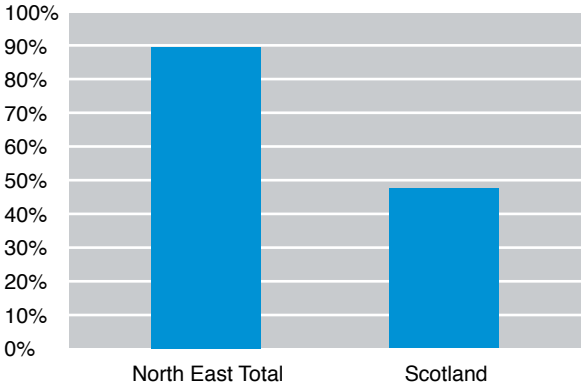
In the 2014 monitoring report, of 42 indicators for which indicative targets have been identified, using the most up-to-date data available the following results could be summarised:

Monitoring Reports	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Indicators **on target**.	12	18	18	20	19	22.5
Indicators with *some success*.	8	14	12	16	14	14
Indicators moving in the **wrong direction**.	7	9	7	5	1	2.5
Indicators with no data available.	18	4	8	4	6	3

The monitoring report contains a lot of information within its tables and graphs. However, some key points to note are:

- **Rail patronage (Indicator 3)** continues to increase at every station across the north east. Since 2004/05 Dyce has seen an increase of 182% whilst passenger numbers through Inverurie have increased by 254%. Growth in rail patronage in the north east continues to outstrip growth across Scotland as a whole with almost double the growth since 2004/05 as illustrated in this graph:

% Change in rail station usage since 2004/05



- Although the **number of destinations served direct from Aberdeen Airport (Indicator 11)** has dropped slightly, the **total number of passengers through Aberdeen Airport (Indicator 9)** continues to grow and in 2013 outstripped the previous peak in 2007 for the first time.

- Data on the **percentage of driver journeys delayed due to congestion (Indicator 17)** is sourced from the 2012 Scottish Household Survey and shows a reduction from 18% of those surveyed in 2009/10 to 12% in 2012 in Aberdeen City and a slight increase from 12% to 13% in Aberdeenshire.

- The differential between the **price of car parking in Aberdeen City Centre relative to bus fares (Indicator 31)** has seen a significant reduction with the cost of car parking having increased since 2011 and the price of a peak day ticket on First bus having reduced in 2013 and 2014.

- **The number of fatalities in road traffic collisions in the north east (Indicator 34)** has seen further reduction and the five year average for 2008-12 is now 43% less than the highest levels in 2003-07.

- **Mode split on the travel to school (Indicator 35) and the journey to work (Indicator 40)** remain relatively unchanged. A comparison is also provided on travel to work mode split between the 2001 and 2011 Census results which shows a reduction in people walking, cycling and using the bus to travel to work but an increase in those travelling by rail and as a car driver. These trends in the north east are comparable to the picture across Scotland as a whole.

- **The number of bus passengers in the north east (Indicator 41)** has seen an increase in 2013/14 and has returned to just under 2009/10 figures.

- **Indicators 43 and 44 relate to air quality** and show a mixed picture with some areas showing average concentrations of nitrogen dioxide and particulates below national and European legislative targets but a number of areas still in excess of these (Errol Place, Union Street and Market Street).

- **The growth in vehicle kilometres travelled in the north east in the preceding decade (Indicator 45)** has now reduced to just 1% with the **distance travelled by vehicles in the north east (Indicator 46)** remaining static for the last three years.

- **The total number of people using park and ride in the north east (Indicator 51)** is moving in the wrong direction and is well below the target set for 2011. The site at Ellon continues to see good increases and figures for Bridge of Don have remained relatively static over the past year. Patronage at Kingswells has however seen a substantial reduction since w012 with the number of passengers recorded less than half those recorded in 2012. This significant reduction is thought to be due to the changes that First Aberdeen implemented to the service 40 which meant the service from Kingswells terminated at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary (ARI) and passengers wishing to travel to the city centre were required to change at ARI or use the service 11. The through service was re-instated in September 2013 and now runs every 15 minutes in the peak and every 30 minutes off-peak between Kingswells and the city centre via ARI. Patronage has increased again since the service was re-instated with a 64% increase between August 2013 and April 2014 however it remains significantly below mid-2012 figures, prior to the service change.

The points above highlight some of the key statistics and trends emerging from the 2014 monitoring report. It should be noted however that although this report is published on an annual basis, it uses the most recent data available from a variety of different sources, of which the two key publications are the ‘Scottish Transport Statistics’ (published annually) and the ‘Scottish Household Survey’ (published bi-annually). Up to date data is therefore not always available for each indicator.

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE 07

REGIONAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION

In line with the Government's central purpose of sustainable economic growth, Nestrans will continue to work in partnership with Transport Scotland, Local Authorities and the private sector to achieve the aims of the Regional Transport Strategy.

As mentioned in chapter 3, a light refresh of the RTS has been completed and approved by the Minister for Transport and Veterans on 16 January 2014. In the coming year Nestrans will progress the delivery of the strategy by continuing to implement the actions within the supporting Health & Transport, Bus, Freight and Rail Action Plans. An Active Travel Action Plan will also be developed.

Health and Transport Action Plan Refresh (HTAP2)

The Health & Transport Action Plan is being reviewed to develop a plan that reflects recent legislative changes and includes new actions with performance indicators and target timescales. This work is being funded by NHS Grampian and is due to be completed in summer 2014. The revised plan will have two themes; transport and public health (an amalgamation of the previous promoting active travel and transport and public health themes), and access to health and social care (a widened theme to recognise the integration of social care with healthcare delivery). A group will be set up for each theme to provide expert input and guide delivery of projects within these areas.

The HTAP co-ordinator post will be jointly funded by Nestrans and NHS Grampian and the co-ordinator will continue to work with partners to progress the delivery of the refreshed action plan. The Transport to Healthcare Information Centre (THInC) service will continue to be provided, but will in future be delivered by the public transport unit within Aberdeenshire Council. The model for the THInC pilot will be evaluated in 2014.

Bus Action Plan

The Bus Action Plan will continue to be progressed. Projects awarded funding through the first round of the Bus Investment Fund in 2013 will be progressed, with mini interchange hubs developed along the A947 in Fyvie, Newmachar and Oldmeldrum by Aberdeenshire Council. Nestrans will contribute funding to the creation of a through access for buses from the A944 into the Kingswells Park and Choose site that is being developed by Aberdeen City Council using their award from the fund. Consideration will be given to developing any bids to a second round of the fund in 2014.

Real time information will be introduced for buses in Aberdeenshire in 2014 and Nestrans will seek to include information for all operators within the north east on the realtimebus.com website that was previously funded for services within Aberdeen. Further consideration will be given to the development of a Statutory Quality Partnership agreement for the A944 Westhill to Aberdeen corridor and initial feasibility and potential journey time savings will be investigated.

Freight Action Plan

The refresh of the Freight Action Plan is being developed through the European project on green freight corridors (GreCor), which Nestrans and Aberdeenshire Council contribute funding towards. It is anticipated that the refreshed plan will be completed in summer 2014 and launched at a meeting of the freight forum. The freight implementation group, comprising of officers from Nestrans and Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire Councils, will then seek to progress priority actions within the new plan.

Rail Action Plan

In accordance with the Rail Action Plan, Nestrans will press for improvements to rail services across the north east while the franchises for rail passenger services affecting this area, namely East Coast and ScotRail, are developed by Transport Scotland for replacement in 2014. Nestrans awaits publication of the next stage of investigation into improvements in the rail service between Inverness and Aberdeen and once available intends to carry out a demand and feasibility study on extending Inverness to Aberdeen trains to Montrose to create local services.

Nestrans will continue to press for an improvement in rail journey times between Aberdeen and the central belt as specified in the Government's Strategic Transport Projects Review (STPR). It is also planned to establish a Rail Forum to enable Nestrans, local authorities, rail operators, Transport Scotland and Network Rail to meet to discuss issues relating to rail development in the north east. Nestrans will contribute to the purchase of land by Aberdeenshire Council for an access road and car park for the proposed new railway station at Kintore, which is planned for delivery by 2019 and will co-ordinate any bids to the Stations Fund being offered by the Scottish Government. The priorities for any applications to the fund are likely to be towards a new station at Kintore and delivery of the Inverurie Interchange proposals.

Active Travel Action Plan

A draft Active Travel Action Plan will be developed for formal consultation with the local authorities, key stakeholders and the public. A final draft will then be produced for Board approval and publication. Nestrans has agreed to fund a cycling development officer for a period of two years, with Sustrans providing a matching capital contribution. The officer will support the delivery of the Active Travel Action Plan and co-ordinate with Sustrans on the delivery of the National Cycle Network routes in the north east. The post holder will also support local authorities in areas such as the promotion and marketing of walking and cycling within Aberdeen City and Shire, the development and delivery of active travel projects, submission of applications for external funding and monitoring of usage.

TRAVEL PLANNING

Nestrans will continue to promote travel planning and offer assistance to companies developing travel plans. This will be supported by various Liftshare, Car Club, walking, public transport, Park & Ride, cycle safety, health and active travel promotions throughout the year. Local rail timetables and station access guides will continue to be provided on the Getabout website to encourage use of rail as a local service as well as for longer journeys. The Getabout website will be reviewed and updated in the coming year to make it more user friendly for people to find information on travelling by differing modes. A subgroup of the partnership will be formed to decide the required style, layout and content for the new website. The Getabout partnership will also promote active and sustainable travel in the north east through implementation of its integrated Travel Planning Strategy and in support of the Active Travel Action Plan that is being developed and the transport and health aims within the Health and Transport Action Plan.

Cycle roadshow events will be planned for the forthcoming year to encourage people to try cycling and this will include visits to schools throughout the region and appearances at popular north east events and locations such as Portsoy Fishing Festival, Run Balmoral, Huntly Bike Week and the Pedal for Scotland Aberdeen family ride. Schoolhill and Belmont Street in Aberdeen will again be closed for In Town Without My Car event during European Mobility Week with a family fun festival held within this area that will include the cycle roadshow, a bike powered cinema, HGV safety demonstration (enter the cab to be aware of driver blind spots), free health checks from NHS Grampian and information on local walking routes and displays of hybrid vehicles and a hydrogen bus.

Nestrans will continue to offer a sustainable travel grant scheme to support the development of travel plans and travel awareness in Aberdeen City and Shire and encourage companies to invest in green transport initiatives. Organisations can apply for up to 50% match funding in the form of a capital grant of up to £10,000.

AVIATION MATTERS

The Airports Commission is investigating the need for additional airport capacity in the south east of England and if a need is shown the Commission will also report on how that need should be met. Nestrans will continue to press for recognition of the need for air access to London for more remote peripheral regions and will submit responses to the Commission in their phased calls for evidence.

COMMUNITY PLANNING

Nestrans is a Board member of the Aberdeenshire Community Planning Partnership (CPP) and member of the Community Planning Aberdeen Reference Group, including input to the thematic and multi-lateral priority groups as appropriate. We will continue to contribute financially and play our part in assisting in the development and updating of the existing Community Plans and with the delivery of transport related outcomes within the Single Outcome Agreements of each partnership.

ABERDEEN CITY AND SHIRE ECONOMIC FUTURE (ACSEF)

Nestrans will continue to contribute to the implementation of ACSEF's Economic Action Plan, within which integrated transport is a key priority and the Nestrans Director will continue to be a member of the ACSEF Management team. The joint Public Relations Services contract will continue to operate throughout the following year allowing a joined-up communications service and cost savings for each organisation.

STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AUTHORITY (SDPA)

Nestrans will continue to collaborate with the Strategic Development Planning Authority to manage the Strategic Transport Fund (STF), as detailed within the Supplementary Planning Guidance adopted in 2012 in support of the previous Aberdeen City and Shire Structure Plan 2009.

The intention in the year ahead is to move from the current non-statutory Supplementary Planning Guidance to statutory guidance for the Aberdeen City and Shire Strategic Development Plan (2014) as soon as practicably possible. Nestrans and the SDPA will commission further work on the Cumulative Transport Appraisal that formed the original evidence base for the Strategic Transport Fund to inform the review of the STF mechanism and guidance. Both Nestrans and the SDPA will continue to work with the Scottish Government, Councils and other relevant stakeholders to develop a mechanism to secure contributions to the Strategic Transport Fund that can be approved as statutory supplementary guidance.

Nestrans will continue to hold and administer contributions to the Strategic Transport Fund, which will in future be used to deliver transport projects that are needed as a result of the combined effect of new development in the strategic growth areas within the Aberdeen Housing Market Area.

More detailed appraisal will ultimately be required to determine the most appropriate intervention and the fund will be used to undertake detailed assessment and design work as well as for delivery of the infrastructure. Delivery of the interventions will be based on a number of criteria including the order of priority corridors identified in the Strategic Development Plan, the scale and urgency of the problem, anticipated phasing of development and available funds. This will be agreed by the Nestrans Board following consultation with the Councils, SDPA and Transport Scotland. To date contributions of £10,067,000 have been agreed and £1,179,000 is currently held by Nestrans. There has been no expenditure of any of the payments that have been made to the Strategic Transport Fund.

PROJECTS

Planned progress for a number of national and regional projects in the forthcoming year will include:

Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route and A90 Balmedie to Tipperty dualling

An announcement is expected on the Preferred Bidder for the scheme from amongst the four economic operators that are participating in Competitive Dialogue. Further preparatory advance works will be undertaken and it is anticipated that the contract will be awarded in autumn 2014. Works are expected to be complete in spring 2018.

A96 dualling

Corridor options will continue to be investigated with the preliminary engineering assessment and strategic environmental assessment work being progressed in the year ahead. Key policy statements, including strategies for junctions, non motorised users, laybys and rest areas will be developed.

A96 and A90 (S) Park and Choose

Planning permission will be sought for the A90(S) Park & Choose site and land acquisition and specimen design progressed. Aberdeen City Council aim to issue the tender for the construction of the A96 Park & Choose site and the link road from the A96 to the junction of Dyce Dr with Argyll Rd in autumn 2014.

Nestrans will continue to work with Transport Scotland and our two Local Authorities to progress proposals and secure funding at both local and national level to construct both sites.

Strategic Rail Improvements – Aberdeen to Inverness

The High Level Output Statement published by Scottish Ministers for the period 2014-19 includes delivery of the Phase 1 Aberdeen to Inverness rail line improvements. Transport Scotland is expected to publish the Stage 3 study into improvements on the Aberdeen to Inverness rail line undertaken by Network Rail. This study examines the range of options identified in the Stage 2 study to improve line speed in greater detail and selects and costs a single option. The First Minister has, however, already announced a £170 million package of works in this period, which includes redoubling of the track between Aberdeen and Inverurie, platform extensions to accommodate six-car trains at Insch and Elgin and infrastructure to allow for new stations at Kintore and Dalcross.

Nestrans has agreed to provide funding support to purchase land for the access road and car park for Kintore Station.

Strategic Rail Improvements – Aberdeen to Central Belt

The Government's Strategic Transport Projects Review contained a project to reconfigure the national rail timetable to provide fast, limited stop trains to serve longer distance journeys between the cities and replace some of the existing semi-fast services, with intermediate destinations being catered for by stopping services. The overall aim was to try to reduce journey times to the central belt by up to 20 minutes. Nestrans will continue to press for this to be achieved and the investigations that Transport Scotland has asked Network Rail to make are continuing. New franchisees are to be announced for Scotrail and East Coast Mainline services in October and November 2014 respectively and this could provide opportunities to enhance services through the new franchises.

A96 Inveramsay Bridge

It is expected that the short list of construction companies to be invited to tender will be published in Spring 2014. Thereafter advance works will provide the companies that will be bidding to construct the new road with the necessary detailed information on ground conditions to help inform their designs. It is anticipated that the preferred bidder will be announced by the end of 2014. The construction period is then estimated to take approximately 12 months.

A96/A90 Haudagain Junction improvement

Jacobs, the design consultants appointed by Transport Scotland will continue to work with council officials and Nestrans, to progress the junction improvement in tandem with the Council's plans for the Middlefield Regeneration scheme. They aim to complete the preferred option design and assessment and prepare draft orders and an Environmental Statement for publication in Summer 2015.

Third Don Crossing

Aberdeen City Council aim to award the contract for construction in July 2014 with works starting in August 2014 and being substantially complete by November 2015.

A90 Bridge of Dee

Nestrans has approved funding to commence the STAG Part 2 assessment in the coming year. Works to be undertaken include landowner investigation and consultation, topographical surveys, ground investigation works, environmental assessments and highways design.

A90 Laurencekirk Junctions

The consultants appointed to undertake the Access to Laurencekirk study will continue to progress the development and assessment of options using Scottish Transport Appraisal Guidance (STAG). It is anticipated that further consultation on the assessment will take place in autumn 2014. It is anticipated that the integrated STAG/Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB) Stage 1 assessment will be published by the end of 2014 with the DMRB Stage 2 assessment commencing thereafter.

Inverurie Transport Interchange

The construction of an inner relief road as part of the Interchange is to be reconsidered given the construction of a new road linking two of the main access roads into Inverurie from the north that is being delivered by housing developments. The remaining parts of the proposal comprising a new bus/rail interchange with improved car parking and improved pedestrian access to the railway station from the town centre are still intended to be constructed and the amended proposal would offer the possibility of further improvement to parking for the station.

Nestrans' offer of grant towards the scheme has been extended to 2015/16 and should a sale of the rail freight yards at the station that are required for the project be agreed then the grant would be used to purchase the yards. Or if a lease of the yards is agreed then it is intended that the funding would be used to finalise the design and apply for planning permission. Nestrans and Aberdeenshire Council are also considering the development of a bid to the Scottish Stations Fund for the construction of the transport interchange.

Air Quality and Candidate Noise Management Areas

Nestrans will support council plans to revoke Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAs) and Candidate Noise Management Areas (CNMAs) where they have been established and seek to prevent the introduction of new AQMAs or CNMAs.

Energetica Corridor All Modes Study (Fraserburgh and Peterhead to Aberdeen)

Nestrans plans to commission an all modes study in partnership with Transport Scotland, Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire Councils, with part-funding for the study also being provided by Aberdeenshire Council and Transport Scotland. It is intended to hold a mini competition via the Scotland Excel framework in late summer 2014. The appointed consultant will be expected to examine the strategic transport connections on the corridor linking Fraserburgh and Peterhead to Aberdeen and the aspirations and opportunities for improvements. This work will be undertaken in line with Scottish Transport Appraisal Guidance (STAG) and therefore involve consultation with key stakeholders. It will include the development and consideration of options across all modes to achieve the objectives that are set for the study.

BUDGETS

Whilst ongoing budget constraints provide challenges, Nestrans will continue to collaborate with public and private sector partners to work towards an efficient integrated transport system to enable sustainable economic growth in the north east whilst also addressing the need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Nestrans will seek further efficiencies within our own organisation and aim to secure partnership funding and support where possible.

The Nestrans Capital and Revenue Budgets for 2014/15 have been approved by the Board and are detailed in chapter 8. The following summary outlines the projects and studies that are intended to be funded in the year ahead. Land is to be purchased for an access road and car park for a new railway station at Kintore and funding is provided to progress the Access to Laurencekirk study. A proportion of the budget is allocated to strategic road maintenance and further safety measures on the A947 will be implemented along with the introduction of variable message signs on strategic corridors on the periphery of Aberdeen. Bus improvements include progressing the A90 (S) Park & Choose site and construction of a turning circle to the west of Dyce Railway Station for the rail to airport JetConnect service. Further funding is allocated to extend Ellon Park & Ride and improve bus stop timetable displays throughout the north east. A contribution is being made to a scheme that is part funded through the Government's Bus Integrated Fund to allow through access to the A944 Kingswells Park & Ride site.

Further walking and cycling measures are also planned along the Energetica Active Travel Corridor and other strategic corridors throughout the north east. This will include the construction of further cycle routes as part of the Peterhead Cycle Demonstration Town and a path to the new Academy within the Ellon Integrated Travel Town.

A new path will be implemented on Ellon Road between the Bridge of Don northwards to the Parkway and hard surfacing provided on the Formartine and Buchan Way from Dyce Railway Station to north of Parkhill crossroads, on the Deeside Way and adjacent to Riverside Drive between King George VI Bridge and Bridge of Dee. The design of new paths will be undertaken for Ellon Road north of the Murcar roundabout and adjacent to the A90 between Muchalls and Stonehaven. Improvement of the Howemoss Drive/Dyce Drive junction for freight is also proposed through an increase to turning radii to ease turning manoeuvres. Studies are planned to investigate the benefit of multi modal options for the Energetica corridor and ways to maximise connectivity between new developments in the Aberdeen Local Development Plan. The Scottish Transport Appraisal Guidance Part 2 detailed assessment of options for additional capacity in the Bridge of Dee area will continue.

Funding is also approved to progress the various Action Plans that support the Regional Transport Strategy and Travel Planning initiatives. A cycling officer post will also be funded within Nestrans with match funding supplied by Sustrans. The feasibility and design aspects of measures to lock in the benefits of the Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route, including a roads hierarchy review and multi-modal study for the A956 Wellington Road will be investigated along with assessment of measures to support various pedestrianisation options for Aberdeen City Centre. An update to the Paramics micro-simulation model of the Westhill area is also to be funded.

FUNDING 08

GENERAL

Nestrans revenue funding is mainly provided by a grant from the Scottish Government. The Transport (Scotland) Act 2005 however requires the constituent councils of each Regional Transport Partnership (RTP) to fund its net expenses, after allowing for any income, including any grants from the Scottish Government.

In 2014/15 the RTP expenditure support from the Scottish Government will remain at the same level that has been received since 2011/12. Nestrans has also requested a continuation of the previous year's funding from our constituent Councils. In total this results in a revenue budget for 2014/15 of £1,026,350.

Capital funding is now requested from Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire Councils following the un-ringfencing of support from the Government in the 2008 Local Government concordat. The Delivery Plan assumes a Capital Budget each year of £3,114,000 equating to the notional sums allocated in 2008/09 to both local authorities in their block grants for Regional Transport Strategy projects. This comprised of £1,411,000 from Aberdeen City Council and £1,703,000 from Aberdeenshire Council. Following budget considerations by the councils, a capital budget for Nestrans in 2014/15 of £2,467,000 has been confirmed, comprising of £1,295,000 from Aberdeen City Council and £1,172,000 from Aberdeenshire Council.

2014/15 BUDGETS

The Nestrans Board approved draft Capital and Revenue Budgets for 2014/15 at their meeting on 20 February 2013 and a summary of the projects and studies proposed for delivery was given in the previous chapter.

Should any requirements arise throughout the year for amendments to the approved budgets, then they will be proposed within the budget matters report that is prepared for consideration at each meeting of the Nestrans Board. All reports to the Board can be viewed on the Nestrans website.

STRATEGIC TRANSPORT FUND

Nestrans holds and manages the Strategic Transport Fund, which is ring-fenced for projects needed to address the cumulative impact of the Strategic and Local Development Plans. By the end of 2013/14 contributions of £10,067,000 have now been agreed in relation to the STF of which £1,179,000 is currently held by Nestrans.

There have been no projects progressed to date using the monies within the fund. Development and delivery of any interventions using the fund will be agreed by the Nestrans Board following consultation with the Councils, the Strategic Development Planning Authority and Transport Scotland.

RESERVES

The Transport Scotland (Scotland) Act 2005 stipulates that the constituent authorities are required to meet the net expenses of the Partnership. This has been interpreted by Audit Scotland as meaning that it is not possible for Nestrans to retain a surplus or deficit in any year and therefore it is not possible for Nestrans to have a general fund balance or reserve.

Scottish Government officials have previously indicated that they will recommend that an amendment is made to the Transport (Scotland) Act 2005 to allow for reserves. There has again been no change in the past year as this is dependent on finding Parliamentary time and suitable legislation to enact.

BORROWING

Under the Transport (Scotland) Act 2005, Nestrans is permitted to borrow money for the purposes of its capital expenditure. Nestrans would have to give due regard to the Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities when determining its programme for capital investment. The key objectives of the Prudential Code are to ensure that the capital investment is affordable, prudent and sustainable.

In Nestrans' case this could require the agreement of the Local Authorities in ensuring that future repayments could be met. Nestrans has no plans to borrow at this time.

REVENUE: OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING

Nestrans will continue to seek to form partnerships to deliver services and investigate European funding opportunities. Investigations into the general issue of alternative funding sources are continuing through the Regional Transport Partnership Chairs meetings with CoSLA.

Nestrans now holds and administers contributions to the Strategic Transport Fund that is defined within the Supplementary Planning Guidance for the Aberdeen City and Shire Structure Plan (2009). This guidance will be reviewed in the coming year with the intention that it be adopted as statutory guidance as part of the new Strategic Development Plan (2014) as soon as is practicably possible.

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APPENDIX 1: THE NESTRANS BOARD AND EXECUTIVE

BACKGROUND

Nestrans started life as a voluntary partnership in 2002 bringing together Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire Councils, Scottish Enterprise Grampian and Aberdeen and Grampian Chamber of Commerce. This voluntary partnership was replaced by the statutory partnership as established by the Transport (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Regional Transport Partnership (Establishment, Constitution and Membership) (Scotland) Order 2005. Nestrans began work as a Statutory Partnership on 1 April 2006.

THE BOARD

The Nestrans Board is its main decision-making body and in terms of the Order that set Nestrans up, membership consists of four Councillor members from Aberdeen City Council and four from Aberdeenshire Council. In addition Nestrans is entitled to have between three and four non-councillor members.

Throughout 2013/14 the Councillors nominated by the two councils to sit on the Board were:

Aberdeen City Council	
Councillor Ramsay Milne (Labour)	Councillor
Councillor Andrew Finlayson (Independent Alliance Group)	Councillor
Councillor Ross Grant (Labour) to 30 October	Councillor
Councillor Callum McCaig (SNP)	Councillor
Councillor Angela Taylor (Labour) from 16 December	Vice Convener of Enterprise, Strategic Planning and Infrastructure Committee from August
Aberdeenshire Council	
Councillor Peter Argyle (Lib Dem)	Chair of Infrastructure Services Committee
Councillor Alan Buchan (Independent)	Vice Chair of Infrastructure Services Committee
Councillor Graeme Clark (SNP)	Councillor
Councillor John Latham (Independent)	Councillor

Ministerial approval has previously been given for the re-appointment of the non-Councillor Members for a further term until 30 April 2014.

Non-Councillor Members	
Mr Eddie Anderson	Freight Industry
Ms Jennifer Craw	Business Experience
Mr David Sullivan	Health Experience
Mr Derek Provan	Aviation Industry

During 2013 Jennifer Craw and Derek Provan resigned from the Nestrans Board due to new commitments and Mr Sullivan advised that he would not wish to extend his time on the Board beyond his current commitment. Following advertisement for non Councillor Board Members, the Nestrans Board's Appointments Sub Committee recommended that three new Members be appointed and to ensure continuity as well as refreshment, they requested that Mr Anderson's appointment be extended. The Minister for Transport and Veterans confirmed his contentment with the proposals in January 2014 and the following membership has been agreed for the period to April 2019:

Non-Councillor Members	
Mr Eddie Anderson	Freight Industry
Mr Gerry Donald (from Jan 2014)	Head of Physical Planning at NHS Grampian
Mr Duncan Cameron (from Jan 2014)	Managing Director of First Aberdeen
Ms Sandra Macdonald (from Apr 2014)	Council, equalities and strategic transport experience

The Board has also appointed two professional advisers to sit on the Board. These are:

Board Adviser	
Dr Margaret Bochel	Head of Planning and Infrastructure, Aberdeen City Council
Mr Stephen Archer	Director of Infrastructure Services, Aberdeenshire Council

The Board has appointed the following office bearers:

Office	
Chair	Councillor Peter Argyle
Vice Chair	Councillor Ramsay Milne
Vice Chair	Mr Eddie Anderson

The Board meets to a schedule, usually agreed around December for the following year, at roughly two-monthly intervals. Additional workshop-style meetings are held to discuss items of particular detail. Meetings are usually held at 2pm on a Wednesday afternoon at:

Woodhill House
Westburn Road
Aberdeen
AB16 5GB

Meetings are scheduled into the busy council calendars to ensure that most members are able to attend. There is a facility for each councillor member to nominate a substitute who can only participate if the member is not present.

Currently nominated substitute members are:

Aberdeen City Council

Councillor Marie Boulton (Indep Alliance Gp)

Councillor Barney Crockett (Lab) Council Leader

Councillor Willie Young (Lab)

Councillor Ian Yuill (Lib Dem)

Aberdeenshire Council

Councillor Alison Evison (Lab)

Councillor Ian Mollison (Lib Dem)

Councillor Lenny Pirie (SNP)

Councillor Joanna Strathdee (SNP)

PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT AND SERVICES

The Board takes its professional support and services from the two constituent authorities as follows:

Aberdeen City Council
Legal Services
Democratic and Administration
Information and Communications Technology
Aberdeenshire Council
Personnel Services
Finance Services

The BIG Partnership provided public relations services for the Board until June 2013. Following a joint tender process, Aberdeenshire Council was appointed to provide PR, marketing and event management for Nestrans and ACSEF. The contract commenced on 1 July 2013 for a period of two years with an option for a possible further one year extension thereafter. Louise Calder was appointed to the post of Marketing and Communications Officer.

NESTRANS STAFF

To support the Board in carrying out its functions there is an Executive Team in place. This team consists of:

Position	
Director	Mr Derick Murray
Transportation Strategy Manager	Mr Rab Dickson
Transport Executive (Programmes & Delivery)	Mrs Jennifer Anderson
Transport Executive (Strategy & Delivery)	Mrs Kirsty Chalmers
Transport Executive (Travel Planning & Delivery)	Mr Don Kent
Office Manager (approx 22 hours/week)	Mrs Tricia Howden

The Executive Team are located in Offices at:

Archibald Simpson House
27-29 King Street
Aberdeen
AB24 5AA

The Strategic Development Planning Authority team was co-located in this building until end July 2013.

APPENDIX 2: PUBLIC SERVICES REFORM INFORMATION

SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH STATEMENT

Introduction

Section 32(1)(a) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 provides that as soon as reasonably practicable after the end of each financial year each listed public body must publish a statement of the steps it has taken during the financial year to promote and increase sustainable growth through the exercise of its functions.

Nestrans is a listed body within the Act. This statement is intended to fulfil the requirement of the Act in relation to Sustainable Economic Growth. This statement should be read in conjunction with the statement on Efficiency, Effectiveness and Economy and the financial information provided on the Nestrans website that are also required by the Act.

Government purpose and performance framework

The Government Economic Strategy, November 2007, sets out the Government's central purpose as: "To focus the Government and public services on creating a more successful country, with opportunities for all of Scotland to flourish, through increasing sustainable economic growth. By sustainable economic growth we mean building a dynamic and growing economy that will provide prosperity and opportunities for all, while ensuring that future generations can enjoy a better quality of life too."

The National Performance Framework was developed to provide a clear focus and direction for the whole of the public sector in Scotland and all public bodies are expected to align their activity in support of the Purpose, Purpose Targets and the 15 National Outcomes set out in the Framework.

Aligning to the Purpose and National Objectives

The Nestrans Regional Transport Strategy, approved by Scottish Ministers in 2008, includes, at page 102, an Appendix outlining how the Regional Transport Strategy objectives align with the National Objectives. This can be found at: www.nestrans.org.uk

The objectives of the RTS have been retained within the recent refresh of the strategy.

Sustainable Economic Growth

Nestrans primary function is to produce and implement a Regional Transport Strategy.

Transport has long been recognised as a significant contributor to sustainable economic growth. The Nestrans Regional Transport Strategy was developed in conjunction with the Aberdeen City and Shire Economic Future (ACSEF) Economic Manifesto and the Strategic Development Planning Authority (SDPA) Structure Plan. The ACSEF Manifesto sets out a vision for the economic growth of the north east region of Scotland. The SDPA Structure Plan sets out the spatial strategy for achieving that growth. The Regional Transport Strategy examines how the growth can be achieved without increasing congestion levels. As the SDPA has been developing a Strategic Development Plan (SDP) for the north east to 2035 a refresh of the RTS was undertaken to ensure that it takes account of current policies and to better align it with the SDP timeline and the transport implications of this plan. The refresh gained Ministerial approval in January 2014. As the refresh builds on the original RTS, it should be taken as an addendum to the original strategy document.

The principal ethos in setting and determining the Regional Transport Strategy and subsequent refresh has therefore been to encourage and permit sustainable economic growth.

Achievements in 2013/14

Planning

Local Development Plans for the Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire Council areas were adopted in 2012. The Plans for each authority identify proposals for the development and use of land for a period of 10 years from adoption and contain the policies that planning applications will be assessed against.

Nestrans previously developed a Cumulative Impact Assessment of the proposals across both council areas. This assessment considered the transport impact of development with the Regional Transport Strategy in place and what further interventions are likely to be required to assist in the objective of achieving sustainable economic growth.

This assessment resulted in agreement between the councils to develop joint and complementary Supplementary Planning Guidance for issue as part of the Structure and Local Development Plans. The supplementary guidance for the Structure Plan 2009 has been developed and formally adopted. It determines a framework for assessing developer contributions towards improvements to the strategic transport network. The contributions will be made to a Strategic Transport Fund that will be held and administered by Nestrans. To date contributions of £10,067,000 have been agreed through section 75 agreements and £1,179,000 has already been paid into the fund.

The Aberdeen City and Shire Strategic Development Plan was approved by Scottish Ministers in March 2014 and Nestrans is continuing to work with the Strategic Development Planning Authority, the Scottish Government, Councils and other relevant stakeholders to develop a mechanism to secure contributions to the Strategic Transport Fund that can be approved as statutory supplementary guidance to the Strategic Development Plan as soon as is practicably possible.

Nestrans has worked with Government and Network Rail to ensure that the aspirations of the north east are taken into account in developing our railways.

Nestrans has been active in discussing with both the Scottish and UK Governments the implications for the north east on the Government's High Speed Rail proposals.

Nestrans has continued to be active in discussing with both the Scottish and UK Governments and the European Union the implications for the north east (and consequently the Scottish and UK economy) of current and future aviation policy.

Nestrans continues to work with the Scottish Government on developing proposals for improvements on the Aberdeen to Inverness Railway and Trunk Road network within the north east.

Nestrans has worked with partners to develop projects including:

- Assessment of options for pedestrianisation in Aberdeen City Centre.
- Design for the A90 (S) Park and Choose.
- Investigations into transport improvements in the Bridge of Dee and Laurencekirk areas.
- Provision of a Sustainable Travel Grant Scheme and promotion of sustainable, active travel through Getabout
- Various cycling measures.

Action Plans

Nestrans has four Action Plans intended to assist in the implementation of the Regional and Local Transport Strategies.

- **Health and Transport Action Plan**
  Working with NHS Grampian, our two councils and the Scottish Ambulance Service we have continued to focus on three themes to implement this Plan:

- **Active travel** (sub group chaired by Aberdeenshire Council) - Nestrans provided funding for various Getabout events and promotions.
- **Public Health** (Air quality) (sub group chaired by NHS Grampian) - provided joint funding for journey planning kiosk at new Health Village.
- **Access to Healthcare** (sub group chaired by Scottish Ambulance Service) - contributed to Transport to Healthcare Information Centre (THInC).

- **Bus Action Plan**
  A bus passenger satisfaction study was undertaken. Festive travel guides on transport options to Aberdeen City Centre produced and promotional campaign undertaken. A software update was funded to improve mapping tools on journey information kiosks in the north east and make the displays more interactive. Further upgrades to bus stop infrastructure and information were implemented.

- **Freight Action Plan**
  The Freight Forum has continued to meet and a refresh of the action plan has been consulted upon and is nearing completion.

- **Rail Action Plan**
  A number of extra calls at north east stations have been introduced and Nestrans agreed to meet costs, to an agreed limit, of additional Sunday services should they not be met by increased fares. Although the financial support that was offered was not required, the agreement to offset the risk if required allowed the number of Sunday services to be increased from five to eleven return services from May 2013.

Projects

In 2013/2014 Nestrans implemented the following:

- **Strategic Road - Capacity Improvements**

  Access to Laurencekirk Study.

- **Strategic Road - Safety Improvements**

  A947 Route Action Study - Phase 2 of Bend Improvement Strategy and localised surfacing, drainage and lining.

  Retexturing road surface, road studs and lining works on strategic routes within Aberdeen.

- **Strategic Road - Maintenance**

  A947 from Fyvie Station to U45s Junction Phase 2 - asphalt resurfacing.

  A920 Colpy to Potts Rayne - edge repairs/ haunching and asphalt overlay to address damage by large vehicles carrying wind turbines that are diverted from the A96 Trunk Road due to constraints at Inveramsay bridge.

  A952 North of Shannas Cottages to Wester Pettymarcus - asphalt resurfacing.

  A92 from south of dual carriageway to Nether Knowe - overlay.

  A944 Tillyfourie westwards - bitmac overlay.

  A947 Towie Turner House - resurfacing.

  A944/A97 Junction at Deskry - resurfacing.

  A98 Longmanhill - Headition to Roadman's Cottage - resurfacing.

  A96 Gt N Rd approach to Haudagain - resurfacing.

  A96 Gt N Rd - St Machar Dr to Printfield Walk - resurfacing.

  A944 Skene Rd westbound from Kingswells roundabout to Little Brodiach - resurfacing.

  A944 Lang Stracht bus gate to A944 Skene Rd - resurfacing.

- **Bus Improvements**

  A90 (S) Schoolhill Park & Choose - specimen design.

  A96 Park & Choose - design and tender documentation.

  Aberdeen City and Shire Bus Stop Information Initiatives - replace or provide bus timetable display cases and ensure standardised region wide DDA compliant timetabling information displayed.

Ellon Park & Ride improvements - progressed plans for additional external waiting facilities and upgrade to bus turning circle to accommodate 15m vehicles.

Fraserburgh Bus Station Refurbishment - building improvements including DDA compliance, improved energy efficiency and CCTV.

Dyce railway station bus turning circle - design and planning application submission.

Portlethen bus stop improvements - two new shelters, one with an info kiosk and the other with a display screen.

Replacement A2B minibus for dial-a-bus service covering Alford, Strathdon and Westhill.

- **Walking and Cycling**

Peterhead Cycle Demonstration Towns - creation of 500m section missing link next to A90, lighting work at Buchanhaven Harbour to Golf Road and design of Meethill Road Phase 2 and A950 missing link.

Greenbrae Cycle Project - cycling infrastructure and initiatives at Greenbrae building on work in previous years.

Ellon Road Strategic Cycle Links - identification of measures.

Parkway Strategic Cycle Links - design of route along Parkway to AECC.

Formartine and Buchan Way - Don Bridge Parkhill - masonry repairs to former railway bridge.

Repairs to Whiteside Farm Bridge on F&B Way - waterproof resurfacing of road deck.

Anderson Drive Cycle Links (LIB) - design of small scale improvements.

Aberdeen - Blackburn Cycle Path Route - installation of toucan crossings dropped kerbs, signing and lining of shared use.

Core Paths - provision or upgrade of various strategic core paths, signing and leaflets.

- **Freight**

A947 Oldmeldrum Road / Dyce Drive Junction Improvement - increase radii to ease HGV turning movements.

STATEMENT ON IMPROVING EFFICIENCY, EFFECTIVENESS AND ECONOMY

During 2013/14 NESTRANS has continued to seek and implement initiatives to assist in improving the efficiency, effectiveness and economy of the services delivered. A brief overview of these initiatives has been included.

Shared Services

Shared accommodation, administration and supplies

In 2013/14 NESTRANS continued to share accommodation with the Aberdeen City and Shire Strategic Development Planning Authority (SDPA) until the end of July 2013. The shared running cost of the office during this period resulted in a reduction in overall aggregate cost for both organisations. The co-location enabled close collaboration to easily and efficiently take place whilst the Strategic Development Plan and Regional Transport Strategy refresh were being developed.

Shared Public Relations Service

Nestrans and ACSEF had a combined contract for PR and communications services with The Big Partnership. To ensure best value this was tendered in 2013 to allow both organisations to benefit from cost savings and full time access to a dedicated marketing and communications officer. The cost to Nestrans in 2013/14 was approximately £14,500, which is a considerable saving in comparison with previous years when Nestrans had their own PR contract.

Legal, Administrative, Financial, ICT and HR Services

The activities of NESTRANS continue to be supported by partner Councils through the provision of specialist assistance and advice. These activities are governed by separate Service Level Agreements. The use of existing support staff is considered to be an efficient and economic use of an existing pool of specialist staff, the cost of which would be significantly

higher if an external or dedicated in-house cadre of similarly qualified and experienced staff were to be used.

Legal & Administrative Services

Legal Services etc are provided by Aberdeen City Council. Services include legal advice, contractual advice and provision of clerking for the Board and meetings. The cost of legal and contractual advice in 2013/14 was just over £2,900, whereas the administrative costs of clerking for the Board was £20,000.

Treasurer

Accountancy etc support is provided by Aberdeenshire Council. Services provided include invoice and payment processing, financial ledger, regular financial monitoring reporting to the Board, internal audit, liaising with external audit, assistance with budget preparation and control, final accounts preparation and pension fund management, general accountancy advice and treasury management. Since 2012/13 this has been extended to include financial services relating to the Strategic Transport Fund that was set up for developer contributions to strategic transport measures. The quality of support is considered to be excellent and the cost of this service in 2013/14 remained at £21,100.

ICT Services

Aberdeen City Council provides and maintains quality Information and Communication Technology Services for Nestrans. The cost of this service in 2013/14 remained at £5,000.

HR Services

HR services are provided by Aberdeenshire Council. This includes drafting and review of HR policies and procedures, monitoring any changes in legislation, support in dealing with staff matters, offering advice on related matters and reporting to the Nestrans Board. In 2013/14 this also included assistance with the advertisement and appointment of the Health and Transport Co-ordinator and non-Councillor Board posts. The cost of this service in 2013/14 remained at £15,900.

Getabout Partnership

Nestrans is a key member of the Getabout Partnership that also consists of Aberdeen City Council, Aberdeenshire Council, NHS Grampian, Aberdeen University, Robert Gordon University, North East Scotland College, the James Hutton Institute and Home Energy Scotland. The joint working of the partnership continues to provide increased efficiency and effectiveness when promoting sustainable travel throughout the region via a single brand. The partnership has achieved economies through individual member organisations supporting Getabout events organised by others eg providing staffing, transport and promotional merchandise.

- **ACTtravelwise Membership**

  Nestrans again negotiated a group membership for all members of the Getabout partnership to ACTtravelwise for 2013/14 that resulted in a saving in comparison with the cost that individual memberships would otherwise have been.

- **Getabout Cycle Roadshow**

  The Getabout cycle roadshow consists of a range of bicycles, including novelty and disability accessible cycles. The bikes were purchased by Nestrans and rates have been agreed with locally based Adventure Aberdeen to hold and maintain them and supplement them with other bikes they own. Adventure Aberdeen also transports the bikes to events organised by the Getabout partners and provides tutors to assist with each event. The locally sourced and managed equipment dramatically reduces delivery mileage and carbon emissions in getting to events and is achieving considerable savings, whilst allowing priority booking by all Getabout members. This is of particular benefit during themed weeks such as Cycle to Work and European Mobility Week when privately hired bike events are usually fully booked. The full cycle roadshow and Getabout events kit, comprising of a Getabout branded marquee, feather flags, banners and bunting previously purchased by Nestrans has been further supplemented in 2013/14 and is available for hire to

private companies when not required by the partners, with any profit being used for the purchase of additional stock.

- **Liftshare**

  Nestrans provides a central database for car sharing throughout the region under contract with Liftshare Ltd. The website address is getabout.liftshare.com to help identify it with the overall Getabout brand for sustainable and active travel in the north east. The website operates with a number of sub-groups so that individual organisations can have their own section under the wider umbrella or be involved in the larger scheme. By contracting the licence and hosting costs on a regional basis there are significant savings compared to each of the partners contracting individually. In addition there are benefits to the customers of being able to access a larger data base for potential matching of trips.

ASAM Regional Transport Model

Developed initially by Transport Scotland, the Aberdeen Sub Area Model (ASAM) is now managed and maintained by Nestrans. A contract for ASAM support was previously negotiated with MVA Consultants Ltd to allow Nestrans to obtain the same terms as Transport Scotland has been offered by MVA when they retendered the LATIS Commission on a consultancy framework basis. The ASAM multi modal land use transport model provides the facility for detailed regional transport analysis in the north east. In 2013/14 the model has been used for strategic projects such as the Bridge of Dee Stag Part 1 Appraisal, the AWPR Locking in the Benefits investigations and Access to Laurencekirk studies. The model has also been used by local authorities for future year demand predictions and strategic input to local micro simulation models. The Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route Managing Agent also upgraded it to include the allocations within the now approved Local Development Plans for Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire Councils. Developers have also been granted access to model information when undertaking Transport Assessments, thus ensuring that the local planning authorities requirements are met using the best available means. Access to the model was also granted to the consultants appointed by the Scottish Government to undertake a DMRB Stage 2 report for the A90/A96 Haudagain junction.

Attracted Funding

Sustainable Travel Grant Scheme

Nestrans provides a Sustainable Travel Grant Scheme, which can provide up to 50% match funding to organisations investing in measures to promote more sustainable travel by their employees or customers. There is an upper limit on any award of £10,000. In 2013/14 the following grants, each amounting to a 50% contribution, were awarded:

- £1,490 to Hazlewood School for four cycle lockers.
- £7,797 to Robert Gordon's University for 26 lockers at Riverside East.
- £3,225 to Dana Petroleum for 10 cycle lockers.

Realtimebus.com

The website was launched in September 2010 as a joint initiative between Nestrans and First Aberdeen. The website allows customers to access real time information for First bus services based on their preferred stop, bus route and time of day via PCs and mobile devices. The branding complements that already in place for the Getabout partnership. Nestrans funded the initial capital outlay and 10 year registration of the domain name and First Aberdeen have committed to meeting the ongoing annual hosting and maintenance costs and are advertising the website both within and outside many of their buses.

Dyce Airlink Shuttlebus Service

Nestrans and Aberdeen City Council reduced the service in 2011 from a two bus operation to a single bus as this reduced costs whilst maintaining a reasonable service in line with train arrival and departure times that is meeting customer demand.

The service was again tendered in 2012 resulting in a significant reduction in support costs for Nestrans. Stagecoach Bluebird was appointed and the service was rebranded as Jet Connect to tie in with the existing Jet service from the City Centre to the Airport. In 2013/14 Stagecoach has continued the operation on a commercial basis without subsidy given the current levels of patronage and Nestrans' commitment to establish a turning circle on the west side of the station.

Cycle Infrastructure and Core Path Improvements

Nestrans funding towards cycle and core path improvements has again been used by the Local Authorities as a basis to attract further match funding. The results for 2013/14 can be seen in the table below.

Health and Transport Action Plan

Nestrans funded 50% of the costs of a support manager for the Health and Transport Programme in partnership with NHS Grampian in 2013/14 now that the Scottish Government no longer fund a third of the costs of this post.

Nestrans has also continued to contribute along with Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire and Moray Councils, NHS Grampian and The Scottish Ambulance Service to deliver the Transport to Healthcare Information Centre (THInC). This was initially run as a pilot and opened in Elgin on 31 January 2013 to provide a dedicated telephone service offering guidance on accessing suitable transport options for the public to get to and from their appointments at a small number of clinics, where they may have no personal means of transport. In the past year this service has been rolled out to provide information on access to all NHS Grampian sites and Hitrans has contributed to the promotion costs.

Nestrans also jointly funded a journey planning travel screen with NHS Grampian for the new Aberdeen Community Health and Care Village that opened in December 2013.

Access to Laurencekirk Study

Nestrans has commissioned CH2MHill to undertake a study and prepare a robust evidence case for any proposed scheme to improve access to/from the A90 Trunk road in the vicinity of Laurencekirk. The study is being undertaken in partnership with Transport Scotland, Aberdeenshire and Angus Councils and Tactran. Part funding for the study was sought from Transport Scotland, who contributed £100,000 in 2013/14.

Project	Nestrans Funding	Funding from other Organisations		Total Cost
Greenbrae Cycle Demonstration Project path	£35,937	Sustrans	£10,000	£45,937
Core Paths	£58,837	Aberdeen Greenspace Trust	£32,536	£91,373
Ellon Road - Strategic Cycle Links	£14,646	Sustrans	£12,500	£27,146
Parkway - Strategic Cycle Links	£11,714	Sustrans	£10,000	£21,714
Peterhead Cycle Demonstration Town	£120,000	Sustrans	£45,000	£165,000
Total	£241,134		£110,036	£351,170

EU Funding

Nestrans has again been involved with a European project being led by one of our constituent local authorities. In 2013/14 this amounted to a £25,000 contribution to Aberdeenshire for the green freight corridors, GreCor project, which attracted EU match funding.

East Coast Mainline Authorities

An East Coast Mainline Authorities (ECMA) grouping has been established, consisting of local authorities and Regional Transport partnerships along the route of the London Kings Cross-Aberdeen railway. Nestrans has contributed along with the other ECMA members to develop a business case, to highlight the economic importance of the line and the need for investment to ensure that the economies of the relevant regions continue to prosper.

Aviation Evidence Note

Nestrans has commissioned an update to the previous regional air access evidence work that was undertaken in 2012 and Hitrans has agreed to contribute 50% towards the cost.

Strategic Transport Fund

Supplementary guidance on 'Delivering Identified Projects through a Strategic Transport Fund' was adopted in December 2011. This guidance is non-statutory supplementary guidance in support of the Aberdeen City and Shire Structure Plan 2009 and allows contributions to be sought from housing and non-residential development for the delivery of the strategic transport projects indicated through the Cumulative Transport Appraisal that was previously commissioned by Nestrans. It is intended that this mechanism be reviewed and adopted as statutory guidance as part of the new Strategic Development Plan 2014 as soon as possible.

Payment of contributions into the fund comes direct to Nestrans who will manage the fund and the prioritisation and delivery of the strategic transport interventions.

By the end of 2013/14 contributions of £10,067,000 have been agreed and £1,179,000 has already been paid into the fund.

Procurement Activity

Scotland Excel Engineering and Technical Consultancy Services Framework Agreement

Nestrans has become an associate member of Scotland Excel and as such are able to acquire consultancy services under the above framework agreement. This framework operates from 18 March 2013 to 17 March 2015, with an option to extend for up to two years thereafter at the discretion of Scotland Excel. Members and associate members can engage appropriate consultants via the framework, but are not bound to make appointments via this method.

Nestrans will use the framework to appoint consultants for services that can not be undertaken in-house or by neighbouring authorities, either due to a skill shortage, the specialist nature of the work, or due to other workload commitments.

The agreement is split into the following lots with several consultants available within each lot:

Lot 1 - Roads and Structures

Lot 2 - Transportation and Traffic

Lot 3 - Environmental Engineering

Lot 4 - Land Surveying

Lot 5 - Drainage and Flooding

Lot 6 - Geotechnical and Testing

Lot 7 - Project Management

Although there is no guarantee of work being awarded, any use of the framework significantly reduces the cost of procurement of services to Nestrans and the consultants. To award a work package there is the option of directly selecting a consultant within the relevant lot(s) or conducting a mini-competition amongst relevant consultants. Work can be awarded on a priced contract (lump sum), target contract or time based contract basis.

EXPENDITURE INFORMATION 2013/14

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Date	Gross Amount	Payee	Subject-matter
Public Relations			
Dec-13	1,482.11	Aberdeenshire Council	Recharge of Public Notice re Statement of Accounts
	1,482.11		
Apr-13	1,716.00	The Big Partnership Group Ltd	PR SERVICES
May-13	1,718.88	The Big Partnership Group Ltd	PR RELATIONS
May-13	286.48	The Big Partnership Group Ltd	PR RELATIONS
Jun-13	1,730.74	The Big Partnership Group Ltd	PR SERVICES
Jul-13	3,432.00	The Big Partnership Group Ltd	PR SERVICES
	8,884.10		
Oct-13	4,080.55	Aberdeenshire Council	Placement of advertisement for Board Member in the P&J publication on 20 September 2013
Oct-13	3,847.14	Aberdeenshire Council	Aberdeenshire Council, Recharge of 35% staff costs for Louise Calder, Communications Officer
Feb-14	4,246.08	Aberdeenshire Council	Recharge of 35% staff costs for Louise Calder, Communications Officer Oct-Dec 13
	12,173.77		
Promotions			
Active Travel			
Apr-13	575.80	Velodays	Contribution towards Ride the North Print/ Promotion
Apr-13	1,500.42	Waves Radio	Radio adverts for Aden Bike Challenge 18 Feb - 10 Mar (126 spots)
Apr-13	4,152.00	Clear Channel	Breathe Easy Adverts at 20 locations for 2 weeks
May-13	4,059.60	CBS Outdoor	Bus Rear ADS 1/4/13 - 28/4/13 for walk to work week
Jun-13	2,212.40	Foyer Enterprise Ltd	BOOKLETS POSTERS ETC FOR WALK TO WORK
Jun-13	1,500.42	Waves Radio	Radio adverts for Aden Bike Challenge 12 May-2 June (126 spots)
Dec-13	2,394.00	Community Sport Limited	Active Travel advert in annual publication
Aug-13	2,334.00	Clear Channel	Day tripper adverts 15/7/13-11/8/13
May-13	441.60	Aberdeen City Council	12/13 GET ABOUT RD SHOW COSTS 9/3/13
May-13	493.44	Aberdeen City Council	12/13 INSTRUCTORS FEES / MINI BUSES 10/3/13

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Sep-13	1,173.12	Aberdeen City Council	Bike roadshow at Braemar Junior Highland Games
Sep-13	1,913.28	Aberdeen City Council	Bike roadshow at RGU and Balmoral Running Festival
Oct-13	6,703.44	Aberdeen City Council	Bike roadshow at Aden, Huntly, Auchterellon, Portsoy, Peterhead, Fraserburgh and Portlethen
Nov-13	1,265.28	Aberdeen City Council	BIKE ROADSHOWS IN ABERDEEN SCHOOLS
Nov-13	2,186.28	Aberdeen City Council	REIMBURSEMENT OF INSTRUCTORS FEES
Nov-13	1,449.10	Aberdeen City Council	REIMBURSEMENT OF PURCHASE OF TOOL CABINET
Mar-14	63.75	Aberdeen City Council	INSTRUCTORS FEES - GETABOUT TIMETABLES
Jul-13	739.20	Foyer Enterprise Ltd	Bike burns fat/car burns money adverts DESIGN & PRINT COSTS
Sep-13	3,348.00	Clear Channel	Burn Money/Burn Fat cycle adverts
Sep-13	4,059.60	CBS Outdoor	NESTRANS ANNUAL CAMPAIGNS
Oct-13	854.00	Clear Channel	European Mobility Week adverts
Oct-13	1,248.00	Clear Channel	European Mobility Week adverts
Oct-13	1,872.00	Clear Channel	European Mobility Week adverts
	46,538.73		
NHS Grampian - Public Transport Information			
Apr-13	480.00	Foyer Enterprise Ltd	12/13 ARI bus route map design and print
Apr-13	8,983.20	Aberdeenshire Council	12/13 Contribution to Journey kiosk at ARI
	9,463.20		
Sustainable Travel - Park & Ride, Buses and Trains			
Apr-13	168.00	Aberdeen City Council	12/13 Festive Traffic Management Leaflets
Dec-13	492.00	JCDecaux Uk Ltd	FESTIVE TRAVEL ADVERTS PRODUCTION
Dec-13	4,059.60	CBS Outdoor	30 BUS BACK ADVERTS FOR XMAS P&R FROM 11 NOV TO 8 DEC
Dec-13	300.00	Foyer Enterprise Ltd	FESTIVE TRAVEL ADVERTS FOR BILLBOARDS, SHELTERS
Dec-13	540.00	Foyer Enterprise Ltd	GRAPHIC WORK FOR DAY TRIPS ON THE BUS BOOKLET
Jan-14	4,440.00	JCDecaux Uk Ltd	FESTIVE TRAVEL BILLBOARDS AT 5 LOCATIONS 4 NOV TO 1 DEC
Dec-13	5,515.20	Clear Channel	Festive travel adverts on billboards at 12 locations 18 Nov to 15 Dec

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Jan-14	774.00	Foyer Enterprise Ltd	FESTIVE TRAVEL INTERACTIVE LEAFLET AND 1000 PRINTED LEAFLETS
Jan-14	3,348.00	Clear Channel	Festive Travel Adverts on highlighters at 3 locations 18 Nov - 15 Dec
Feb-14	2,220.00	JCDecaux Uk Ltd	FESTIVE TRAVEL BILLBOARDS AT 5 LOCATIONS 2 DEC TO 15 DEC
Mar-14	108.00	Foyer Enterprise Ltd	TRAVEL LEAFLET AMENDS - REMOVE XMAS PARTS
Feb-14	566.80	Original 106 fm	Transmissions in December (festive travel promotion)
Aug-13	1,263.17	Journeycall Ltd	INVERURIE RAIL SERVICES PROMOTIONAL LEAFLETS
Sep-13	36.00	Foyer Enterprise Ltd	ADJUST HIGHLIGHTER ADVERT ARTWORK
	23,830.77		
Liftshare			
May-13	5,834.42	Liftshare.com Ltd	ANNUAL LICENCE RE INTERNET SITE 13/14 - T383
Oct-13	566.80	Original 106 fm	TRANSMISSIONS 1/9/13 - 30/9/13
Dec-13	566.84	Original 106 fm	RADIO ADVERTS IN OCTOBER 2013 (LIFTSHARE)
Mar-14	566.80	Original 106 fm	Transmissions 01/01/14 to 31/01/14
Nov-14	3,600.00	Alvern Media	Carshare adverts on petrol pumps
	11,134.86		
Getabout			
Apr-13	8,472.00	Bluefish Business Promotions	5,000 large wrap reflective safety wrist bands with getabout logo
May-13	566.84	Original 106 fm	12/13 TRANSMISSONS 07/10/12 - 31/10/12
May-13	566.80	Original 106 fm	12/13 TRANSMISSONS 01/02/13 - 28/02/13
May-13	566.80	Original 106 fm	12/13 TRANSMISSIONS 01/03/13 - 31/03/13
May-13	566.80	Original 106 fm	TRANSMISSIONS 7/4 - 30/4/13
Jul-13	566.80	Original 106 fm	TRANSMISSIONS 08/05/13 - 28/05/13
Jul-13	721.60	Original 106 fm	TRANSMISSIONS 5/6 - 30/6
Sep-13	566.80	Original 106 fm	TRANSMISSIONS 01/08/13 - 31/08/13
Jul-13	6,480.00	Need for Green Ltd	12/13 ACCRUAL - LIGHT SET & BIKE BELL - T383
Jul-13	5,890.80	Broadfold Business Gifts Limited	PRINTED BAGS
Aug-13	185.94	Running Imp	300 Mountain Bike Medals incl ribbon

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Sep-13	3,816.00	Need for Green Ltd	1000 X BIKE BELLS, 2500 X SNAP BANDS
Oct-13	1,080.00	EVM	Café barriers with getabout printed banners
Sep-13	4,863.00	Broadfold Business Gifts Limited	25 x POLO SHIRTS, 1000 x GYM TOWELS with getabout branding
Oct-13	1,695.53	Turriff Printing Services Ltd	Getabout banners, bunting and trolly shopper coin keyrings
Oct-13	558.00	Broadfold Business Gifts Limited	90X T-SHIRTS WITH GETABOUT LOGO
Apr-13	525.60	Passell	Getabout sign panels for cycle roadshow trailer
Apr-13	1,050.00	Total Merchandise Ltd	1000 x Getabout branded bike set covers
	38,739.31		
Getabout Website			
Jun-13	60.00	The Big Partnership Group Ltd	DOMAIN RENEWALS: get-about.com and get-about.co.uk
Jul-13	612.00	Journeycall Ltd	TIMETABLE CHANGES
Feb-14	855.60	Journeycall Ltd	UPDATE RAIL TIMETABLES ON GETABOUT WEBSITE DEC 2013
	1,527.60		
Nestrans Website			
May-13	36.00	Internet For Business Ltd	NESTRANS.ORG.UK - DOMAIN NAME - T144
May-13	438.00	The Art Deparment	ANNUAL WEB HOSTING 2013
Dec-13	480.00	The Art Deparment	UPDATE NESTRANS WEBSITE HOMEPAGE WITH TWITTER FEED
	954.00		
North East Economy and Connections			
Apr-13	500.00	LN & BJ Price	Information to Nestrans Board on Aviation issues for Aviation Campaign
Corporate Communications			
Apr-13	1,210.32	Aberdeenshire Council	Design & Print Charges March 2013
Mar-14	3,890.84	Aberdeenshire Council	Design & Print Charges December 2013
Mar-14	4,603.68	Aberdeenshire Council	Design & Print Charges February 2014
	9,704.84		
Overseas Travel			
	0.0		

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Hospitality & Entertainment			
Jul-13	770.00	Transport Times Events	NESTRAN TABLES -SCOTTISH TRANSPORT AWARDS
Feb-14	67.20	Abdn+Grampian Chamber of Commerce	AGCC Transport Business Breakfast
Feb-14	184.45	Hilton	Dinner and Meeting with G Pendlebury, DfT
	1,021.65		
External Consultancy			
Support work for Freight and Rail Action Plans			
May-13	1,252.95	AECOM	12/13 FREIGHT ACTION PLAN SERVICES TO 13/3/13
Aug-13	2,158.98	AECOM	FREIGHT ACTION PLAN PREPARATION
Nov-13	1,398.02	AECOM	ABERDEENSHRIE FRAMEWORK 2011 - FREIGHT ACTION PLAN
Dec-13	139.50	AECOM	FREIGHT ACTION PLAN 2 DRAFT DOCUMENT FOR CONSULTATION
Mar-14	4,200.00	AECOM	Rail overcrowding surveys
	9,149.45		
Regional Transport Model Support			
Apr-13	12,000.00	Systra Ltd	ASAM SUPPRT - BRIG O DEE APPRAISAL
Apr-13	1,020.00	Systra Ltd	ASAM SUPPRT - BRIG O DEE MODEL
May-13	1,320.00	Systra Ltd	12/13 ASAM SPPT : BRIG O'DEE - T361
May-13	2,400.00	Systra Ltd	12/13 ASAM SUPPRT BRIG O'DEE - T361
May-13	6,780.00	Systra Ltd	12/13 ASAM SUPPRT - BRIG O' DEE - T361
Jul-13	1,248.06	Systra Ltd	ASAM SUPPORT
Sep-13	3,300.00	Systra Ltd	ASAM NORTH ABERDEEN TRAFFIC CORDONS
Jan-14	8,490.00	Systra Ltd	ASAM CITY CENTRE TRAFFIC FORECASTS
Feb-14	900.37	Systra Ltd	ASAM TRAFFIC DATA FOR AWPR LIB PREDICTED CHANGES
	37,458.43		
Regional Transport Model Support - Recharged works			
Apr-13	540.00	Systra Ltd	ASAM SUPPORT - PORTLETHEN ANALYSIS
Apr-13	15,707.59	Systra Ltd	AWPR TRAFFIC FORECASTING

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May-13	8,760.21	Systra Ltd	12/13 AWPR TRAFFIC FORECASTING - T399
Jul-13	1,231.49	Systra Ltd	AWPR TRAFFIC FORECASTING
Sep-13	384.84	Systra Ltd	AWPR TRAFFIC FORECASTING
Oct-13	5,738.04	Systra Ltd	AWPR TRAFFIC FORECASTING
Feb-14	1,980.00	Systra Ltd	ASAM TRAFFIC DATA FOR ELLON AND WESTHILL
	34,342.17		
North East Economy and Connections			
Apr-13	500.00	LN & BJ Price	Information to Nestrans Board on Aviation issues for Aviation Campaign
Payments in Excess of £25,000			
Capital and Revenue Budget Projects Delivery			
Apr-13	440.96	Aberdeen City Council	CLEANING JAN - MAR 13
Apr-13	111,720.59	Aberdeen City Council	12/13 - PR11 - BUS LANE CAMERA
Apr-13	678.65	Aberdeen City Council	12/13 - PR 11 - BRIDGE O DEE
Apr-13	14,213.17	Aberdeen City Council	12/13 PR11 - A96 PARK AND CHOOSE
Apr-13	301.90	Aberdeen City Council	12/13 PR11 - GRL PROG MONITORING
Apr-13	39,890.34	Aberdeen City Council	12/13 - PR11 - WALKING AND CYCLING - CORE PATHS
Apr-13	1,159.76	Aberdeen City Council	12/13 APRIL - RD STUDS & LIVING WELL ROAD
Apr-13	7,462.28	Aberdeen City Council	12/13 PR 11 - AB2 - BLACKBURN
Apr-13	2,862.65	Aberdeen City Council	12/13 PR11 AIRPORT BUS TURNING CIRCLE
Apr-13	4,440.00	Aberdeen City Council	12/13 PROFESSIONAL ADVICE TO BRD
Apr-13	24,402.00	Aberdeen City Council	ACC C0MMITTEE SERVICES
Apr-13	180.90	Aberdeen City Council	XEROX 1/4 CHARGE 1/1 - 31/03/13
Apr-13	62.40	Aberdeen City Council	MARISCHAL COLLEGE - BOARD MEET 20/2/13
May-13	5,270.00	Aberdeen City Council	12/13 RSA & SLA ICT CHARGES = 12/13 SLA CHARGES ICT
May-13	63,600.00	Aberdeen City Council	12/13 CONT RESVRF A956 ELLON RD
May-13	99,880.90	Aberdeen City Council	12/13 BRIG O'DEE STUDY
May-13	2,282.40	Aberdeen City Council	ACCRUAL - PROVISION LEGAL SERV 11/12
May-13	159,197.89	Aberdeen City Council	12/13 WALKING & CYCLING CORE PATHS
May-13	1,696.36	Aberdeen City Council	12/13 SERVICE CHARGE ARCHIBALD SIMPSON HSE

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May-13	7,631.72	Aberdeen City Council	12/13 RD STUDS & LINING WELLINGTON RD
May-13	240.84	Aberdeen City Council	12/13 RD STUDS & LINING WELL RD / A944
May-13	529.20	Aberdeen City Council	12/13 PROVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES
May-13	86.26	Aberdeen City Council	12/13 PR12 GNRL PROG MONITORING
May-13	85,965.60	Aberdeen City Council	12/13 PR12 CYCLE DEMO PROJECT
May-13	147,851.39	Aberdeen City Council	12/13 PR12 CORE PATHS
May-13	51,485.46	Aberdeen City Council	12/13 PR 12 WALKING & CYCLING
May-13	11,400.00	Aberdeen City Council	12/13 LIT SIGNS & INSTALLATION
May-13	493.44	Aberdeen City Council	12/13 INSTRUCTORS FEES / MINI BUSES 10/3/13
May-13	117,208.81	Aberdeen City Council	12/13 INSTALL NEW CAMERA
May-13	258.77	Aberdeen City Council	12/13 GNRL PROG MONITORING
May-13	441.60	Aberdeen City Council	12/13 GET ABOUT RD SHOW COSTS 9/3/13
May-13	45,973.50	Aberdeen City Council	12/13 A96 PARK & CHOOSE
May-13	12,203.85	Aberdeen City Council	12/13 AIRPRT BUS TRNING CIRCLE
May-13	2,734.90	Aberdeen City Council	12/13 BAP - BUS LINK IMPROV A. DRIVE
May-13	3,600.00	Aberdeen City Council	12/13 BAP BRIG O'DON PARK & RIDE FEAS
May-13	32.98	Aberdeen City Council	12/13 BPIP - BUCHAN - KING ST
May-13	46,591.60	Aberdeen City Council	12/13 BRIG O'DEE FEASABILITY
May-13	518.24	Aberdeen City Council	12/13 BUS LINK IMPROV TO AND DRVE
May-13	31,052.26	Aberdeen City Council	12/13 BZ - BLACKBURN CYCLE ROUTE
May-13	66,000.00	Aberdeen City Council	12/13 CONT - BUS LANE CAMERA
May-13	78,136.80	Aberdeen City Council	12/13 CYCLE DEMO PROJECT
May-13	168.00	Aberdeen City Council	12/13 FESTIVE TRAFFIC MANAG LEAFS
May-13	4,504.50	Aberdeen City Council	13/14 RATES 27 KING ST
Jul-13	4,084.20	Aberdeen City Council	SERVICE CHARGES 2012/13
Jul-13	180.90	Aberdeen City Council	XEROX 1/4 CHRGE 1/4/13 - 30/6/13
Jul-13	31.20	Aberdeen City Council	TEA/ COFFEE FOR MTG
Jul-13	634.06	Aberdeen City Council	GENERAL PROGRAMME MONITORING
Jul-13	15,666.35	Aberdeen City Council	BUS IMPROVEMENTS - ENERGETICA CORRIDOR
Jul-13	114.52	Aberdeen City Council	RETEXTURING ROADS B999, B979 & KINGSWELLS
Jul-13	2,341.38	Aberdeen City Council	BRIDGE OF DEE STUDY - STAG PROCESS
Jul-13	471.60	Aberdeen City Council	CLEANING APR - JUN 2013

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Aug-13	440.88	Aberdeen City Council	GREENBRAE CYCLE PROJECT
Aug-13	5,205.90	Aberdeen City Council	CORE PATHS FORMARTINE & BUCHAN
Aug-13	721.28	Aberdeen City Council	ANDERSON DRIVE CYCLE LINKS
Aug-13	131.18	Aberdeen City Council	ABERDEEN CYCLE ROUTE
Aug-13	142.12	Aberdeen City Council	GENERAL PROG MONITORING
Aug-13	16,713.44	Aberdeen City Council	A96 PARK & CHOOSE
Aug-13	2,048.16	Aberdeen City Council	AIRPORT BUS TURNING CIRCLE
Aug-13	49.18	Aberdeen City Council	BRIDGE OF DEE STUDY
Aug-13	1,339.21	Aberdeen City Council	ANDERSON DRIVE BUS LINK FEASIBILITY
Sep-13	1,189.99	Aberdeen City Council	INSURANCE PREMIUMS 1/4/13 - 31/3/14
Sep-13	2,918.41	Aberdeen City Council	SERVICE CHARGE APR-JUL 13
Sep-13	180.90	Aberdeen City Council	XEROX QTR CHARGE 1/7/13 - 30/9/13
Sep-13	478.80	Aberdeen City Council	HOWEMOSS DRIVE/DYCE DRIVE JUNCTION IMPS
Sep-13	1,462.06	Aberdeen City Council	ANDERSON DRIVE CYCLE LINKS
Sep-13	9,179.41	Aberdeen City Council	CORE PATHS BUCHAN & FORMARTINE WAY
Sep-13	29,743.70	Aberdeen City Council	A96 PARK & CHOOSE
Sep-13	1,320.00	Aberdeen City Council	AIRPORT BUS TURNING CIRCLE
Sep-13	926.18	Aberdeen City Council	BRIDGE OF DEE STUDY
Sep-13	11,316.44	Aberdeen City Council	ECONOMIC & ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESMENT FOR CITY CENTRE PED
Sep-13	350.45	Aberdeen City Council	BUS LIKN INPROVEMENTS TO ANDERSON DRIVE
Sep-13	9,789.84	Aberdeen City Council	REIMBURSEMENT OF INSTRUCTORS FEES
Oct-13	2,918.41	Aberdeen City Council	SERVICE CHARGES JUL - SEP 2013
Oct-13	393.00	Aberdeen City Council	OFFICE CLEANING
Nov-13	1,265.28	Aberdeen City Council	BIKE ROADSHOWS IN ABERDEEN SCHOOLS
Nov-13	98.39	Aberdeen City Council	GENERAL PROGRAMME MONITORING
Nov-13	5,100.49	Aberdeen City Council	ANDERSON DRIVE CYCLE LINKS - T866
Nov-13	48,857.77	Aberdeen City Council	CORE PATHS - FORMARTINE & BUCHAN WAY
Nov-13	720.00	Aberdeen City Council	ELLON ROAD STRATEGIC CYCLE LINKS
Nov-13	5,008.32	Aberdeen City Council	AIRPORT BUS TURNING CIRCLE
Nov-13	9,401.35	Aberdeen City Council	ROAD STUDS & LINING
Nov-13	46,829.98	Aberdeen City Council	BRIDGE OF DEE STUDY

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Nov-13	24,365.40	Aberdeen City Council	ECONOMIC & ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESMENT FOR CITY CENTRE PED
Nov-13	75.10	Aberdeen City Council	BUS LINK IMPROVEMENTS TO ANDERSON DRIVE
Nov-13	2,186.28	Aberdeen City Council	REIMBURSEMENT OF INSTRUCTORS FEES
Nov-13	1,449.10	Aberdeen City Council	REIMBURSEMENT OF PURCHASE OF TOOL CABINET
Dec-13	2,425.50	Aberdeen City Council	BUSINESS RATES 2013/14
Jan-14	180.90	Aberdeen City Council	XEROX QUARTERLY CHARGE 1/10/13 TO 31/12/13
Feb-14	471.60	Aberdeen City Council	OFFICE CLEANING AT ARCHIBALD SIMPSON HOUSE OCT-DEC 2013
Feb-14	2,918.41	Aberdeen City Council	SERVICE CHARGES FOR ARCHIBALD SIMPSON HOUSE
Feb-14	139.00	Aberdeen City Council	CATERING FOR EAST COAST MAINLINE AUTHORITIES MEETING
Mar-14	329,012.04	Aberdeen City Council	NESTRANS CAPITAL WORK PERIODS 7-10
Mar-14	63.75	Aberdeen City Council	INSTRUCTORS FEES - GETABOUT TIMETABLES
	1,857,904.68		
May-13	12,190.00	Aberdeenshire Council	Aberdeenshire Community Planning Partnership Contribution 2013/14
Jun-13	10,600.00	Aberdeenshire Council	Contribution towards A947 Fyvie Lay-by resurfacing following underspend within NESTRANS 12/13 budgets
Oct-13	4,080.55	Aberdeenshire Council	Placement of advertisement for Board Member in the P&J publication on 20 September 2013
Oct-13	394,482.16	Aberdeenshire Council	NESTRANS Capital Programme Expenditure incurred by Aberdeenshire Council to period ended September 2013
Oct-13	3,847.14	Aberdeenshire Council	Aberdeenshire Council, Recharge of 35% staff costs for Louise Calder, Communications Officer
Dec-13	1,482.11	Aberdeenshire Council	Recharge of Public Notice re Statement of Accounts
Jan-14	293,925.04	Aberdeenshire Council	NESTRANS Capital Programme Expenditure incurred by Aberdeenshire Council to period ended November 2013
Feb-14	22,185.89	Aberdeenshire Council	NESTRANS Revenue Programme Expenditure incurred by Aberdeenshire Council to period ended December 2013

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Feb-14	207,914.69	Aberdeenshire Council	NESTRANS Capital Programme Expenditure incurred by Aberdeenshire Council to period ended December 2013
Feb-14	4,246.08	Aberdeenshire Council	Recharge of 35% staff costs for Louise Calder, Communications Officer Oct-Dec 13
Mar-14	3,890.84	Aberdeenshire Council	Design & Print Charges December 2013
Mar-14	4,603.68	Aberdeenshire Council	Design & Print Charges February 2014
Mar-14	41.72	Aberdeenshire Council	Petty Cash Replenishment
Mar-14	4,440.00	Aberdeenshire Council	Contribution towards Aberdeenshire's Director Costs for preparation and attendance at NESTRANS Board Meetings
Mar-14	5,583.68	Aberdeenshire Council	NESTRANS Revenue Programme Production Costs associated with the Get About Television Advertisement
Mar-14	3,711.73	Aberdeenshire Council	NESTRANS Revenue Programme Expenditure incurred by Aberdeenshire Council to period ended January 2014
Mar-14	157,768.92	Aberdeenshire Council	NESTRANS Capital Programme Expenditure incurred by Aberdeenshire Council to period ended January 2014
Mar-14	23,594.17	Aberdeenshire Council	NESTRANS Revenue Programme Expenditure incurred by Aberdeenshire Council to period ended February 2014
Mar-14	425,308.93	Aberdeenshire Council	NESTRANS Capital Programme Expenditure incurred by Aberdeenshire Council to period ended February 2014
Mar-14	70,176.22	Aberdeenshire Council	NESTRANS Revenue Programme Expenditure incurred by Aberdeenshire Council to period ended March 2014
Mar-14	272,600.30	Aberdeenshire Council	NESTRANS Capital Programme Expenditure incurred by Aberdeenshire Council to period ended March 2014
	1,926,673.85		
Apr-13	15,707.59	Systra Ltd	AWPR TRAFFIC FORECASTING
Apr-13	12,000.00	Systra Ltd	ASAM SUPPRT - BRIG O DEE APPRAISAL
Apr-13	1,020.00	Systra Ltd	ASAM SUPPRT - BRIG O DEE MODEL
Apr-13	540.00	Systra Ltd	ASAM SUPPORT - PORTLETHEN ANALLYSIS
May-13	1,320.00	Systra Ltd	12/13 ASAM SPPT : BRIG O'DEE - T361
May-13	2,400.00	Systra Ltd	12/13 ASAM SUPPRT BRIG O'DEE - T361
May-13	8,760.21	Systra Ltd	12/13 AWPR TRAFFIC FORECASTING - T399
May-13	6,780.00	Systra Ltd	12/13 ASAM SUPPRT - BRIG O' DEE - T361

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May-13	1,750.00	Systra Ltd	ASAM SUPPRT - BRIG O DEE
May-13	1,460.01	Systra Ltd	AWPR TRAFFIC FORECASTING
Jul-13	1,231.49	Systra Ltd	AWPR TRAFFIC FORECASTING
Jul-13	1,248.06	Systra Ltd	ASAM SUPPORT
Sep-13	3,300.00	Systra Ltd	ASAM NORTH ABERDEEN TRAFFIC CORDONS
Sep-13	384.84	Systra Ltd	AWPR TRAFFIC FORECASTING
Oct-13	5,738.04	Systra Ltd	AWPR TRAFFIC FORECASTING
Jan-14	8,490.00	Systra Ltd	ASAM CITY CENTRE TRAFFIC FORECASTS
Feb-14	1,980.00	Systra Ltd	ASAM TRAFFIC DATA FOR ELLON AND WESTHILL
Feb-14	900.37	Systra Ltd	ASAM TRAFFIC DATA FOR AWPR LIB PREDICTED CHANGES
	75,010.61		
Apr-13	56,281.61	NHS Grampian	50% SHARE RE ARI INTERCHANGE
	56,281.61		

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