

NORTH EAST OF SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP

Minute of Meeting of the North East Scotland Transport Partnership Board

Aberdeen, Wednesday, 12 December 2018

Present: Councillor Peter Argyle (Chairperson); Councillor Sandra Macdonald (Vice Chairperson) and Dr Margaret Bochel (Vice Chairperson); and Councillors David Aitchison, Philip Bell, John Cox, Alex Nicoll and Colin Pike; and Mr Ian Ross.

In Attendance: Councillor Ian Mollison (Aberdeenshire Council), Rab Dickson, Derick Murray and Nicky Laird (Nestrans); Stephen Archer and Ruth Taylor (Aberdeenshire Council) and Gale Beattie, Mark Masson and Robert Templeton (Aberdeen City Council)

Apologies: Councillor Jennifer Stewart, Gerry Donald and George Mair

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1. Councillor Cox declared an interest in relation to item 5(a) – Publications and Consultations, specifically relating to the Strategic Development Planning Authority (SDPA) by virtue of him being a member of the SDPA Joint Committee. He considered that the nature of his interest did not require him to leave the meeting and therefore chose to remain in the meeting for consideration of the item.

MINUTE OF BOARD MEETING, 7 NOVEMBER 2018

2. The Board had before it the minute of its previous meeting of 7 November 2018, for approval.

The Board resolved:-

To approve the minute as a correct record.

REGIONAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY: FORMAL RATIFICATION OF ANY MATTERS AGREED AT WORKSHOP SESSION

3. The Board had tabled, two papers relating to the Nestrans Regional Transport Strategy, namely (1) Member/Officer Steering Group; and (2) Sounding Board Group which were discussed by the members during the Board's workshop held immediately prior to the meeting today.

The Director made reference to the workshop and advised that the Board required to endorse the roles, remits and memberships of the above Groups outlined in the papers.

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During discussion, it was suggested that additional representation be sought for the membership of the Sounding Board Group, as follows:-

- North East MPs and MSPs;
- Freight Forum (to include Goods and Ports);
- Rail;
- Community Groups including Disability/Civic Forum and other interested parties;
- NHS Grampian;
- Young People;
- VisitAberdeenshire;
- Climate Change and other Environmental Groups; and
- Federation of Small Businesses.

The Board resolved:-

- (i) to approve the role, remit and membership of the Member/Officer Steering Group; and
- (ii) to approve the role, remit and membership of the Sounding Board Group, subject to the Director seeking additional representation as outlined above, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chairs.

PUBLICATIONS AND CONSULTATIONS

4. The Board had before it a report which provided information on the recent publications and consultation papers of interest and sought to agree a response where appropriate.

The report recommended:-

that the Board –

- (a) approve the proposed response in Appendix A as Nestrans' representation on the Proposed Strategic Development Plan;
- (b) note the consultation on the options for the A96 dualling between east of Huntly and Aberdeen and homologate the attached Appendix B as Nestrans' response;
- (c) approve the proposed response in Appendix C as Nestrans' representation on the Restricted Roads (20 mph Speed Limit) (Scotland) Bill; and
- (d) approve the proposed response in Appendix D as Nestrans' representation on the Craigshaw Drive Proposed Cycleways.

The Board resolved:-

- (i) to approve recommendations (a), (b) and (d);
- (ii) to approve recommendation (c), subject to the addition of wording in the response proposing that the significant costs for implementation of the Restricted Roads (20 mph Speed Limit) (Scotland) Bill should be funded fully by the Scottish Government; and
- (iii) that if available, officers be requested to circulate the responses from Police Scotland and the Business Community in relation to the Restricted Roads (20 mph Speed Limit) (Scotland) Bill.

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CLIMATE CHANGE REPORTING

5. The Board had before it a report which provided an update on the responsibilities being placed on Nestrans as a public body in respect of their duties in relation to the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009.

The report recommended:-

that the Board note the report and the requirement for Nestrans to report on its activities and policies in respect of Climate Change Duties.

The Board resolved:-

to approve the recommendation.

ACTIVE TRAVEL FUNDING UPDATE

6. The Board had before it a report which provided information on the progress of the Nestrans Active Travel Funding Proposal.

The report recommended:-

that the Board note the contents of the report.

The Board resolved:-

to approve the recommendation.

2018/19 BUDGET MATTERS

7. The Board had before it a report which provided an update on the Partnership's 2018/19 budget monitoring and forecast out-turn position and sought consideration of any budget or monitoring issues that may arise.

The report recommended:-

that the Board –

- (a) note the monitoring position and forecast presented in Appendix 1;
- (b) note the change of forecast for Kintore Railway Station;
- (c) note the awards of grant funding; and
- (d) note the Strategic Transport Fund position.

The Board resolved:-

- (i) to approve the recommendations; and
- (ii) that officers explore options in terms of expediting the Strategic Transport Fund repayments and provide a verbal update at the next meeting in this regard.

- COUNCILLOR PETER ARGYLE, Chairperson.