

## **A6 PROJECTS REPORT**

### **1. 2015/16 Expenditure**

**1.1** **Appendix 1** to this report details the current year's Projects Budget which shows expenditure, to **(to follow)**

### **2. RTPI**

#### **2.1 Real Time Passenger Information**

**2.1.1** BustrackerSEStran now provides live bus times for all of the services operated by both First Scotland East and Stagecoach Fife, within the SEStran region. This will improve the reliability of the bustracker website and mobile app for the general public, and will hopefully increase patronage of bus services as a result.

**2.1.2** A substantial number of public premises throughout the region are displaying, or have committed to displaying live bus times on digital screens alongside public information and news bulletins. To date, SEStran has committed to approximately 145 digital screen installations in a variety of public buildings within the SEStran area. The table in **Appendix 2** provides an overview of current and agreed installations.

**2.1.3** SEStran has invested in continuing to distribute and market the SEStran digital signage kit. Throughout the next 2016/17 financial year, SEStran will continue to distribute the remaining 134 screens, aiming for a total 281 screens installed across the SEStran region.

**2.1.4** SEStran is continuing to encourage the uptake of the real-time system in commercial premises. The trial in the RBS Headquarters at Gogarburn has proved successful and will shortly be in place in their premises at Edinburgh Park. SEStran is also in discussions with several other businesses at Edinburgh Park. SEStran will continue to actively pursue other businesses in order to generate further income to help support the RTPI scheme in the long term. The table below shows current and agreed installations in commercial premises.

<b>Locations</b>	<b>Area</b>	<b>Screens</b>	<b>Installed?</b>
<b>Gyle Shopping Centre</b>	Edinburgh	6	N
<b>Princes Mall</b>	Edinburgh	5	Y
<b>RBS (Gogarburn)</b>	Edinburgh	1	Y
<b>RBS (Gyle)</b>	Edinburgh	1	Y
<b>Wheelhouse Cafe</b>	Midlothian	1	Y
<b>Tune Hotel</b>	Edinburgh	1	Y
<b>J P Morgan</b>	Edinburgh	To be agreed	N
<b>Kaimes Capital</b>	Edinburgh	To be agreed	N
<b>Sainsburys Bank</b>	Edinburgh	To be agreed	N

- 2.1.5** The RTPI system is now equipped to handle real time data provided by on-board ticket machines which, it is anticipated, will be attractive to the many smaller bus companies operating within the region. Essentially, this option is less elaborate in not including a fleet management component within the system which is not required to manage a small number of vehicles.
- 2.1.6** SEStran will use the remaining RTPI budget for 2016/17 to provide financial assistance to smaller operators wishing to upgrade their ticket machines and be added to the SEStran system.
- 2.1.7** SEStran will be holding an information session with smaller operators in July 2016. This will include presentations from SEStran and commercial ticket machine providers to offer information and encourage smaller operators to upgrade their fleet to GPS-enabled machines. As a result, more local services will be able to be added to bustrackerSEStran to improve the information available to the public.

### **3. Sustainable Travel Awareness**

#### **3.1 Sustainable and Active Travel Grant Scheme (SATGS)**

- 3.1.1** The SEStran Sustainable and Active Travel Grant Scheme has been launched for 2016/17. The scheme aims to support and encourage Travel Planning and Active Travel measures. SATGS can be used to support physical measures implemented as part of a Travel Plan and provide support for organisations actively developing a Travel Plan.
- 3.1.2** Grants may range from £500 to £25,000 and will normally be up to a maximum of 50% of any proposal, although in exceptional circumstances higher awards may be made. The applicant will be responsible for securing the remaining 50% matching funding which should include a contribution directly from the applicant and may not come wholly from another grant scheme.

### 3.2 Regional Cycle Network Grant Scheme (RCNGS)

- 3.2.1 SEStran operated the Sustrans funded Regional Cycle Network Grant Scheme throughout financial year 2015/16. Due to a further commitment from Sustrans, the scheme will be made available for 2016/17 and aims to encourage the development of the Cycle Network throughout the Region.
- 3.2.2 The RCNGS can be used to support feasibility studies, design work, the development of infrastructure and monitoring, as well as supporting innovation and public engagement. Grants may range from £500 to £25,000 and will normally be up to a maximum of 50% of any proposal, although in exceptional circumstances higher awards may be made.

## 4. European Projects Update

- 4.1 **CHUMS** is a project under the umbrella of Intelligent Energy Europe (IEE) and seeks to address the energy challenge of low car occupancy.
  - 4.1.1 The latest CHUMS event was held in Perugia from the 10<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> of April. The partnership reviewed the second phase of CHUMS travel planning activities and held discussions regarding the Final Conference. It was agreed that the Final CHUMS Conference will be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of July in Leuven. Further information on the conference will be circulated.
- 4.2 **'SocialCar'** aims to integrate public transport information, car-pooling and crowd sourced data in order to provide a single source of information for the traveller to compare multiple options/services.
  - 4.2.1 The last meeting of SocialCar was held in Lugano on the 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> of May. The General Assembly looked at the conceptual design of the Social Car app and discussed how the app will be tested by both simulation tools and test users.
  - 4.2.2 After the General Assembly Meeting, SEStran took the opportunity to hold two interactive sessions at the Walking Cycling Connecting Communities Conference on the 14<sup>th</sup> of June to discuss the themes of Social Car and transport information provision.
- 4.3 **'SHARE-North'** addresses the concept of 'Shared Mobility' and looks at the development, implementation and promotion of Car Clubs, Bike Sharing and Car Sharing. The planned living labs will integrate modern technology with activities to support changes in mobility behaviour. The objectives are: resource efficiency, improving accessibility (incl. non-traditional target groups), increased efficiency in the use of transport infrastructure, reduction of space consumption for transport,

improving quality of life and low carbon transport.

**4.3.1** The last SHARE-North meeting was held on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of June in Helsingborg. SEStran held an interactive session on a Shared Mobility Strategy for Municipalities, with particular focus on the implementation of Car Sharing, Car Clubs and Bike Share Schemes.

**4.4** ‘**REGIO-MOB**’ aims to promote “learning, sharing of knowledge and transferring best practices between the participating regional and local authorities to design and implement regional mobility plans (or Regional Transport Strategies) bearing in mind the stakeholders with regional relevance and contributing to the sustainable growth of Europe.” Accordingly this project provides an opportunity for SEStran to attract European funding towards the necessary development of the RTS and to learn and share knowledge with other cities throughout Europe. The project will attract 85% funding from Europe.

**4.4.1** The REGIO-MOB kick-off meeting was held on the 18th-21st of April and was hosted by the IAT (The Andalusian Institute of Technology). Other REGIO-MOB partners include: Romania, Macedonia, Slovenia, Poland, Italy and Spain.

**4.4.2** SEStran held its initial regional Stakeholders’ Group meeting on 3 June which described the project to the Group, initiated a SWOT analysis, discussed sustainable mobility, started the process to define key mobility indicators, as a basis to identify best practice and established a baseline for a focus on where improvements can be made. Representatives from the partner Councils along with bus, train air and freight operators, SESplan and Sustrans attended the meeting. The outcomes of these sessions will be shared at the next project meeting in September 2016 and with the Partnership Board, also in September.

## **5. Opportunities for New European Projects**

### **5.1 Interreg, North West Europe**

#### **5.1.1 SCRIPT (Sustainable Carbon Reduction in Port Transport)**

It is well understood that transport, in general, is a major contributor to carbon emissions totals and freight transport’s contribution is significant; with a particular concentration around ports and their hinterland as a result of the necessary traffic required to transfer goods to and from the ports.

**5.1.2** SEStran and partners’ objective is to engage with ports and freight transport operators and their supply chains in selected estuarine and inland waterway locations within the NWE area to effect large-scale behavioural change with respect to the use of low carbon logistics and transportation and the implementation of different low carbon solutions. It is proposed that the SCRIPT partnership prepares for a

stage 1 submission in the autumn of this year.

## **5.2 Interreg, North Sea Region**

### **5.2.1 Surflogh**

As reported in December 2015 to the Board, this proposal is aiming at improving the role of logistic hubs in the network of urban logistics in the North Sea Region. Many urban regions in Europe face huge challenges regarding the optimisation of urban freight distribution, both in terms of efficiency and sustainability. Connecting long-distance freight transport and last-mile distribution in strategically located urban freight centres is perceived as one of the possible solutions brought forward by scholars and experts in the field, as they contribute to reducing individual transport movements in urban areas by creating opportunities for bundling of goods flows. In addition, these logistics consolidation centres might also be stepping stone for creating new value-adding services in the region fostering regional economic growth.

**5.2.2** SEStran is a partner, along with Napier TRI, for Surflogh, which is being led by the Dutch province of Drenthe. The stage 2 bid was submitted on March 7 2016.

## **6. Recommendations**

- 6.1** That the board notes the contents of this report.
- 6.2** That the Board approves SEStran's participation in the proposed SCRIPT project partnership which intends to submit an application to the next Interreg North West Europ call, in the autumn of 2016.
- 6.3** That, with respect to paragraph 2.1.3 of the report referring to RTPI, members consider opportunities for further roll outs in their local areas.

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**Appendix 1: Revenue Projects Expenditure**

**Appendix 2: RTPI Progress on Screen Installations**

Policy Implications	None
Financial Implications	As detailed in this report
Race Equalities Implications	None
Gender Equalities Implications	None
Disability Equalities Implications	None
Climate Change Implications	None

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<b>Client - Locations</b>	<b>Area</b>	<b>Number of installations</b>	<b>Installed?</b>
<b>Edinburgh Theatres –</b> Festival Theatre and Kings Theatre	Edinburgh	2	Y
<b>Galashiels Interchange</b>	Scottish Borders	7	Y
<b>Borders College</b>	Scottish Borders	2	Y
<b>Borders Railway –</b> Stow and Tweedbank stations	Scottish Borders	2	N
<b>Forth Valley Hospital</b>	Falkirk	2	Y
<b>Edinburgh College</b>	Edinburgh	4	Y
<b>East Lothian Council –</b> Brunton Hall and Tranent Library, Dunbar Library, Haddington Library, North Berwick Library, Prestonpans Library	East Lothian	6	Y
<b>Scotrail Abellio –</b> Variety of locations	Various	12	Y
<b>Scottish Parliament</b>	Edinburgh	2	Y
<b>Queen Margaret University</b>	East Lothian	1	Y
<b>Forth Valley College</b>	Falkirk	3	Y
<b>National Library of Scotland</b>	Edinburgh	1	Y
<b>West Lothian Council –</b> (Livingston Civic Centre)	West Lothian	2	N
<b>Enjoy Leisure –</b> 6 Leisure Centres	East Lothian	6	Y
<b>NHS Lothian–</b> St John's Hospital, Western General, Waverley Gate, Musselburgh Primary Care Centre, Pentland House	Various	7	Y
<b>Heriot Watt Borders Campus</b>	Scottish Borders	1	Y

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<b>Borders General Hospital</b>	Scottish Borders	1	Y
<b>Victoria Quay</b>	Edinburgh	3	Y
<b>Inverkeithing Civic Centre</b>	Fife	1	Y
<b>Rosslyn Chapel</b>	Midlothian	1	Y
<b>Clovenstone Primary School</b>	Edinburgh	1	Y
<b>Fife College</b>	Fife	3	N
<b>Gylemuir Primary School</b>	Edinburgh	1	Y
<b>Stirling Council</b>	Stirling	8	Y
<b>Fife Cultural Trust – Kirkcaldy Galleries and St Andrews Museum, Dunfermline Museum</b>	Fife	8	Y
<b>Currie Primary School</b>	Edinburgh	1	Y
<b>Edinburgh Airport</b>	Edinburgh	3	Y
<b>Edinburgh University</b>	Edinburgh	21	N
<b>Alloa Wasp Centre</b>	Clackmannanshire	1	Y
<b>Midlothian Council - Penicuik, Dalkeith Library and Buccleuch House in Dalkeith</b>	Midlothian	3	Y
<b>National Mining Museum</b>	Midlothian	1	Y
<b>NHS Fife (inc. Victoria Hospital, Queen Margaret Hospital, St Andrews Community Hospital)</b>	Fife	4	Y
<b>Eric Liddle Centre</b>	Edinburgh	1	Y
<b>Scottish Borders Libraries</b>	Scottish Borders	To be agreed	N
<b>Glenrothes Bus Station</b>	Fife	1	N
<b>SRUC</b>	Various	To be agreed	N
<b>SPPA</b>	Scottish Borders	2	Y
<b>Edinburgh Waverley Station</b>	Edinburgh	12	N
<b>Scottish Government</b>	Edinburgh	4	N



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<b>Buildings</b>			
<b>SEStran Office</b>	Edinburgh	2	Y
<b>First Scotland East Depot</b>	West Lothian	1	Y
<b>Falkirk Bus Station</b>	Falkirk	To be agreed	N
<b>Ferrytoll Park and Ride</b>	Fife	To be agreed	N
<b>St Andrews Bus Station</b>	Fife	To be agreed	N
<b>Total Numbers:</b>		145	