

A4 PROJECTS REPORT

1. 2016/17 Expenditure

1.1 Appendix 1 to this report details the current year's Projects Budget which shows expenditure, to 26 May 2016, of £56,503.

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.

Locations	Area	Screens	Installed?
Gyle Shopping Centre	Edinburgh	6	N
Princes Mall	Edinburgh	5	Y
RBS (Gogarburn)	Edinburgh	1	Y
RBS (Gyle)	Edinburgh	1	Y
Wheelhouse Cafe	Midlothian	1	Y
Tune Hotel	Edinburgh	1	Y
J P Morgan	Edinburgh	To be agreed	N
Kaimes Capital	Edinburgh	To be agreed	N
Sainsburys Bank	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. SEStran Thistle Card – App development update

3.1 The Thistle Card App is designed to replicate the original SEStran Thistle card with an initial page for the customer to input their disability using the same previously agreed symbols (with audio guidance). The second page displays the information to be shown to the bus driver.

3.2 The prototype app is now being circulated to user groups and bus companies for comment before launching it onto the market. The app is accessible through our web page, so any comments from Board members will be welcome.

3.3 As previously discussed, the main benefit of the app is the convenience of use for the customer. Also there is considerable benefit of possibly linking it into Traveline (especially the speaking version) to give a talking update on the journey.

3.4 There is also potential to include usage statistics and where the app is being used. This will be discussed with the bus companies as part of the consultation. These additions can be added as feedback incrementally as use of the initial app increases.

- 3.5 When the prototype has been thoroughly tested it is intended to launch the app with significant publicity to ensure all potential customers are aware of the app. This will involve targeting user groups with relevant publicity and information, hopefully by the beginning of July.
- 3.6 The card will still be available to all people who require it and following its award by SATA, it has been nominated for awards at the Scottish National Transport Awards and the European Bus Forum Awards in Manchester.
- 3.7 The Scottish Government are preparing an Accessibility Travel Framework this summer which will be the subject of a future report to the Board.
- 3.8 The Thistle Card app is now out for testing and comments from user groups, bus companies and Board members. Following this a publicity campaign will be instigated to tie in with its launch.

4. Sustainable Travel Awareness

4.1 Sustainable and Active Travel Grant Scheme (SATGS)

4.1.1 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.

4.1.2 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.

4.2 Regional Cycle Network Grant Scheme (RCNGS)

4.2.1 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.

4.2.2 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.

5. European Projects Update

- 5.1 CHUMS** is a project under the umbrella of Intelligent Energy Europe (IEE) and seeks to address the energy challenge of low car occupancy.
- 5.1.1** The latest CHUMS event was held in Perugia from the 10th - 13th 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 5th and 6th of July in Leuven. Further information on the conference will be circulated.
- 5.2 '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.
- 5.2.1** The last meeting of SocialCar was held in Lugano on the 9th-11th 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.
- 5.2.2** After the General Assembly Meeting, SEStran took the opportunity to hold two interactive sessions at the Walking Cycling Connecting Communities Conference on the 14th of June to discuss the themes of Social Car and transport information provision.
- 5.3 '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.
- 5.3.1** The last SHARE-North meeting was held on the 13th and 14th 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.
- 5.4 '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.

- 5.4.1** 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.
- 5.4.2** 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.

6. Opportunities for New European Projects

6.1 Interreg, North West Europe

6.1.1 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.

- 6.1.2** 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.

6.2 Interreg, North Sea Region

6.2.1 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.

6.2.2 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.

6.3 Horizon 2020

6.3.1 SEStran is currently in discussion with Napier University's Transport Research Institute (TRI) regarding future bids under the headings of "...innovative solutions to achieve sustainability..." and "improving, acceptability, inclusive mobility and equity...", to be considered later this financial year.

7. Recommendations

- 7.1** That the board notes the contents of this report.
- 7.2** 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 Europe call, in the autumn of 2016.
- 7.3** 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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PROJECTS BUDGET 2016/17

EXPENDITURE

Centre Description	Current Year Budget	Actuals @ 26/5/16
R17 SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL AWARENESS	130,000	0
URBAN CYCLE NETWORKS	120,000	0
R15 PARK & CHOOSE SOUTH TAY BRIDGE	20,000	0
RTPI - REVENUE CONTRIBUTION	344,000	56,422
R37 RTS MONITORING	5,000	0
R41 SPECIALIST RAIL BUS ADVICE	15,000	0
R42 REGIONAL DEV PLAN INPUT	20,000	0
EU SOCIAL CAR	47,000	0
EQUALITIES FORUM ACTIONS	10,000	0
EU CHUMS	23,000	0
BIF 2	0	12
BIF 3	0	68
RAIL STATIONS DEVELOPMENT	215,000	0
EU SHARE-NORTH	40,000	0
EU REGIO-MOB	80,000	0
TOTAL	1,069,000	56,503

INCOME

Centre Description	Current Year Budget	Actuals @ 26/5/16
REVENUE PROJECTS GRANT	-431,000	-110,230
ONE TICKET	-13,000	0
R15 PARK & CHOOSE SOUTH TAY BRIDGE	0	-10,000
URBAN CYCLE NETWORKS	-100,000	0
RTPI - BUS OPERATORS	-173,000	-46,972
RTPI - 15/16 BUDGET UNDERSPEND	0	-87,099
R41 SPECIALIST RAIL BUS ADVICE	0	-7,395
EU SOCIAL CAR	-47,000	-47,860
EU CHUMS	-17,000	0
RAIL STATIONS DEVELOPMENT	-200,000	0
EU SHARE-NORTH	-20,000	0
EU REGIO-MOB	-68,000	0
TOTAL	-1,069,000	-309,556

NET EXPENDITURE/ (INCOME)

0

-253,053

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

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

Client - Locations	Area	Number of installations	Installed?
Buildings			
SEStran Office	Edinburgh	2	Y
First Scotland East Depot	West Lothian	1	Y
Falkirk Bus Station	Falkirk	To be agreed	N
Ferrytoll Park and Ride	Fife	To be agreed	N
St Andrews Bus Station	Fife	To be agreed	N
Total Numbers:		145	