

## **RTS – Update by Partner Authorities**

### **1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1** This paper seeks an update from Chief Officers of each council on their work to deliver outcomes surrounding the four objectives of SEStran's Regional Transport Strategy (RTS) (economic growth, improving accessibility, and delivering environmentally sustainable outcomes whilst promoting healthier choices). Chief Officers will be aware that previously there was a regular update item on past agendas and it is proposed that this is introduced with an update on significant items at each meeting and a submission once a year of written information on progress on delivering the statutory RTS for inclusion in the SEStran Annual Report.

### **2. RTS OBJECTIVES**

- 2.1** Economy – to ensure transport facilitates economic growth, regional prosperity and vitality in a sustainable manner.

- 2.1.1**
- To maintain and improve labour market accessibility to key business/employment locations, from all localities and communities.
  - To maintain and improve connectivity to the rest of Scotland, the UK and beyond.
  - To support other strategies, particularly land-use planning and economic development.
  - To reduce the negative impacts of congestion, to improve journey time reliability for passengers and freight.

- 2.2** Accessibility – to improve accessibility for those with limited transport choice (including those with mobility difficulties) or no access to a car, particularly those living in rural areas.

- 2.2.1**
- To improve access to employment;
  - To improve access to health facilities;
  - To improve access to other services, such as retailing, leisure/social and education;
  - To influence decisions on the provision of public transport to make it more affordable and socially inclusive.

- 2.3** Environment – to ensure that development is achieved in an environmentally sustainable manner.

- 2.3.1**
- To contribute to the achievement of the UK's national targets and obligations on greenhouse gas emissions;
  - To minimise the negative impacts of transport on natural and cultural resources
  - To promote more sustainable travel;
  - To reduce the need to travel;

- To increase transport choices, reducing dependency on the private car.

**2.4** Safety and Health – to promote a healthier and more active SEStran area population.

- 2.4.1**
- To improve safety (accidents) and personal security;
  - To increase the proportion of trips by walk/cycle;
  - To meet or better all statutory air quality requirements;
  - To reduce the impacts of transport noise.

**2.5** Corporate – to continually improve performance to achieve greater efficiency and effectiveness in SEStran service delivery.

- 2.5.1**
- To deliver best value;
  - Seek to reduce our carbon emissions & positively influence other regional stakeholders;
  - To deliver robust data governance and practice;
  - To promote the delivery, monitoring and mainstreaming of our Equality Outcomes.

**3. CONCLUSION / RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1** Chief Officers are invited to agree to the introduction of a standing verbal item on each meeting and to provide written updates on any actions that are seeking to progress the four main objectives of the RTS for inclusion in the SEStran annual report and monitoring of the delivery of the RTS.

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