

## **Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010**

### **1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 The Scottish Regional Transport Partnerships are included in the schedule of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010. This requires annual publication of certain information and this report advises the Board of the information to be published.

### **2. DATA TO BE PUBLISHED**

#### **2.1 Expenditure**

- 2.1.1 Section 31 (1) and (2) require public bodies to publish as soon as is reasonably practical after the end of each financial year a statement of any expenditure they have incurred during that financial year on or in connection with the following 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 £150,00

#### **2.2 SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH**

- 2.2.1 Section 32(1)(a) provides that as soon as is reasonably practical after the end of each financial year each listed public body must publish a statement of the steps it has taken during that financial year to promote and increase sustainable growth through the exercise of its functions. As this requires the publication of a statement it is not sufficient simply to refer to other published material such as the annual report.

#### **2.3 EFFICIENCY, EFFECTIVENESS & ECONOMY**

- 2.3.1 Section 32(1)(b) provides that as soon as is reasonably practical after the end of each financial year each listed public body must publish a statement of the steps it has taken during that financial year to improve efficiency, effectiveness and economy in the exercise of its functions. Again this requires the publication of a free standing statement and it is not sufficient simply to refer to other published material such as the annual report.

- 2.4 The data as described in sections 2.1 to 2.3 of this report is included in appendix 1 of this report and will be published on the SEStran web site

in accordance with the requirements of the Act. Last year's statement is available on the website<sup>i</sup> for comparison between 2016 to 2017. We spent £35,000 less on public relations. This is due to not publishing the RTS in 2017 reporting period. We have spent slightly more on European travel given an increased number of projects but spent less on hospitality and consultants in 2017. We have a number of individual and collective payments over £25,000 to contractors similar to 2016 and those are detailed in the 2017 report for transparency.

### 3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The Board is asked to note the content of the material for publication under the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 and detailed in appendix 1 of this report and to agree that the relevant separate statements will be published on the SEStran web site.

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#### **Appendix 1 – Statement of Compliance with the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010**

Policy Implications	None
Financial Implications	As detailed in appendix 1.
Equalities Implications	None
Climate Change Implications	None

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<sup>i</sup> [http://www.sestran.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/SEStran\\_Statement\\_of\\_Compliance\\_2016\\_PSRA.pdf](http://www.sestran.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/SEStran_Statement_of_Compliance_2016_PSRA.pdf)