**Projects, Delivery Plan & EU Exit Update**

### 1. Introduction

1.1 The report provides the Board with an update on key aspects of projects and initiatives progressed in the last quarter and covers the latest position on the process for the UK leaving the EU.

### 2. FAST Grant - GO E-Bike

2.1 GO E-Bike is the result of SEStran's FAST Grant, launched in 2017. Bikeplus were awarded grant funding to deliver the beginning of a regional electric bike scheme in the region. The pilots are due for launch in March 2018 in Buckhaven, St Andrews, West Lothian and Forth Valley. An employer trial will also take place concurrently, led by Active Cycle Projects. The Scottish Government are in talks to partake in one of the trials where they will receive a fleet of electric bikes at Victoria Quay for staff to try for 6 weeks.

2.2 SEStran will also look to expand the project in 2018/19, with an application to the Low Carbon Travel and Transport Fund for an additional £600,000 with the potential to add an additional 12 e-bike hubs.

### 3. European Projects Update

3.1 **'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.

3.2 Final testing of the app was conducted throughout November and December of 2017. A subsequent Focus Group feedback session was held in January 2018. Feedback from each of the test sites will now be collated by SocialCar project partners, Aberdeen University and FIT Consultancy. The SocialCar final conference is to be held alongside the TRA conference in Vienna in April 2018. Prior to this SEStran will host a stakeholder meeting to address potential business cases for SocialCar post project completion.

3.3 **'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.

**3.4**  **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".

**3.5**  SEStran will be hosting a Dissemination Event on Thursday 22nd March 2018 at Radisson Blu hotel on the Royal Mile Edinburgh. The Event will be attended by the REGIO MOB partners and their political and technical stakeholders. Stakeholders from the SEStran region will also be invited to learn more about the best practices being implemented in each region.

**3.6**  **SURFLOGH** aims to improve the role of logistics hubs in the network of urban logistics in the North Sea Region.

**3.7**  The first Steering Committee meeting was held on the 8th of February in Amsterdam. SEStran are leading on a work package with Napier TRI creating business models for urban freight hubs. SEStran will also be trialling a last mile delivery solution with e-cargo bikes in the region.

**4.**  **Opportunities for New European Projects**

**4.1**  **Interreg, North Sea Region**

**4.1.1  CONNECT**

SEStran has been invited to participate in the CONNECT project. Currently, the Trans-European Network-Transport (TEN-T) policy is putting a strong focus on the development of the Core Network: The whole trade and business network is not only depending on its major nodes but also on its hinterland and feeder connectivity. To raise the efficiency of transport flows in a holistic approach, the project will thus include both major and regional intermodal nodes to establish learning opportunities. The overall objective is to support smart intermodality growth in the NSR through efficiency enhancements. The project focuses on:

- implementation of new smart IT processes and IT-working tools (smart intermodality),
- developing of strategies for smart efficiency enhancements (smart involvement)

The second stage project application was submitted in February 2018 and the outcome is awaited.

**4.2**  **Horizon 2020**

**4.2.1  PURSUITS**

SEStran has been invited to participate in the PURSUITS project. PURSUITS addresses the critical need to ensure that land use and transport planning

evolve a step ahead of the smart-mobility transition. This will enable cities and regions to proactively develop Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans (SUMPs) and steer new mobility and distribution forms rather than just responding to them.  This project will increase the understanding of how new forms of people mobility and freight distribution will affect spatial development, transport systems, quality of life and emissions in metropolitan areas, and validate how this knowledge can be used to steer the development and inform better planning and policy decisions achieving future mobility and sustainability goals for cities and regions. The project application was submitted 31st January 2018.

### 4.2.2  POLIS IN ACTION

The aim of this project is to develop a methodology and framework for the assessment of sustainable urban mobility interventions.  This framework will produce new, practice-based knowledge capable of assisting policy makers to become more responsive to new forms of mobility solutions and allow mobility plans to adapt to changing urban mobility patterns.   The first-round bid was submitted on the 31st of January 2018

### 4.2.3  INSTINCT

**4.2.4** Napier TRI have decided not to progress a second bid due to a lack of sufficient partners. The INSTINCT project may be submitted for a future call.

## 5.  Further Initiatives

### 5.1  Can Do Innovation Challenge Fund

**5.1.1** SEStran submitted two Expressions of Interest to the Second call of the 'Can Do' Innovation Challenge Fund. These included further development of the Thistle Assistance Card and a project looking at ways to report defects whilst on the daily commute.

**5.1.2** SEStran have successfully been invited to stage two of the challenge for its proposal regarding the Thistle Assistance Card.  Unfortunately, the defect reporting project was unsuccessful.

### 5.2  Hate Crime

**5.2.1** West Lothian, Clackmannanshire and Fife Councils have agreed to pilot the regional hate crime transport charter. A questionnaire was sent to transport operators to gauge their current levels of training with regard to hate crime on their network and their willingness to participate in the charter. The results are currently being analysed.

### 5.3  yTravel

**5.3.1** yTravel was formally launched in January 2018. Young Scot are currently looking for youth groups who are interested in getting their young people

involved in shaping the future of transport in Scotland to work through Regional Design Teams from City of Edinburgh, Clackmannanshire, Fife and Midlothian.

**5.4    X-Route: Star Paths**

**5.4.1**   The trial of the 'star paths', as funded through the Scottish Road Research Board, was launched in November 2017. The final report of the trial is due to be completed by Atkins in May 2018. Funding opportunities are still being sought to deliver a 'glowing path' in Livingston.

**6.    EU Exit**

**6.1**    Talks on the future UK-EU trade deal due to start in March 2018 once a transition deal is agreed.  The EU's position is that the transition must take place under all existing rules and regulations, and that this should come to an end on 31 December 2020.

**7.    Recommendations**

**7.1**    Chief Officers are invited to note the content of the report.


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| Policy Implications | None |
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| Financial Implications | As described in the report |
| Equalities Implications | A number of the projects will address the agreed actions of our Equality Outcomes 2017-2021. |
| Climate Change Implications | A number of the projects seek to promote and pilot a number of innovative actions to increase use of sustainable mobility. |