

Item A2. Use of Delegated Powers in light of Board Cancellation

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1. Introduction

1.1 As Members will be aware, the Board meeting scheduled for 20th March 2020 had to be cancelled due to the pandemic crisis and subsequent restrictions on gatherings. This report details the decisions made under delegated powers in the absence of a Board meeting.

2. Use of Emergency Delegated Powers

2.1 Sustran's Standing Orders, at paragraph 40, state:

'If a decision which would normally be made by the Partnership requires to be made urgently between meetings of the Board, the Partnership Director, in consultation with the Chairperson (whom failing, the Deputy Chairperson(s)), can take action subject to the matter being reported to the next meeting of the Partnership.'

2.2 Following this approach, the Partnership Director consulted with the Chair on all those items on the March agenda which required a decision. A list of those decisions is appended.

2.3 The original agenda and papers can be accessed [here](#).

3. Recommendations

3.1 It is accordingly recommended that Members note the decisions progressed under paragraph 40 of Standing Orders.

Jim Grieve
Partnership Director
12th June 2020

Appendix 1: List of decisions taken under delegated power

Policy Implications	None. Decisions taken in line with existing policies
Financial Implications	As set out in original reports
Equalities Implications	As set out in original reports
Climate Change Implications	As set out in original reports

Partnership Board of 20th March – Decisions taken under delegated powers (Standing Orders, Paragraph 40)

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A2. AUDIT PLANS

Internal Audit 2019/20 – Report by Lesley Newdall

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Agreed that IA assurance in 2020/21 should focus on the adequacy and effectiveness of the framework supporting ongoing development of the Regional Transport Strategy (including carbon neutrality and climate change)

A3. FINANCE REPORTS – Reports by Hugh Dunn
(a) Revenue Budget 2020/21

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Approved a core revenue and projects budget for 2020/21 as detailed in Appendices 1 and 2, based on a standstill constituent council requisition of £190,000;

Based on the core revenue and projects budget approved, instructed the Treasurer to requisition the individual constituent councils for the relevant amounts as follows:

Council	Requisition
Clackmannanshire	£6,116
East Lothian	£12,589
Edinburgh	£61,700
Falkirk	£19,080
Fife	£44,255
Midlothian	£10,869
Scottish Borders	£13,717
West Lothian	£21,674
Total	£190,000

(c) Reserves Policy

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Approved the Reserves Policy, as detailed at Appendix 2 of the report;

Approved that the Partnership works towards establishing an unallocated General Fund reserve of £29,000, based on 5% of the proposed core revenue budget for 2020/21, following review of the 2019/20 year-end position.

(d) Annual Treasury Management Strategy **81**

Approved the Annual Treasury Management Strategy, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.

A4. APPOINTMENT TO PERFORMANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE – 83
Report by Gavin King

Approved the appointment of Councillor Craig Hoy, East Lothian Council, to the Performance and Audit Committee.

A5. DRAFT BUSINESS PLAN 2020/21 – Report by Anna Herriman 85

Agreed that the Partnership Director would agree the final content of the Business Plan in consultation with the Chair and Deputy Chairs of the Partnership.

A8. CONSULTATION RESPONSES TO NPF4 CALL FOR IDEAS – 150
Report by Jim Grieve

Approved SEStran's draft NPF4 Call for Ideas response for submission;

Agreed not to ratify the entire ESESCRD Joint Committee's response to NPF4;

Endorsed the ESESCRD Joint Committee's answers to the five "Call for Ideas" questions, subject to the amendments noted in the report, and agreed the Partnership Director liaise with the ESES Team to conclude the submission;

Endorsed the proposed key elements of the East Lothian Response.