

TAYSIDE AND CENTRAL SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP**15 DECEMBER 2009****ANNUAL REPORT 2008/09****Report by Director**

This report seeks the Partnership's agreement to delegate authority to the Executive Committee to approve the Annual Report 2008/09 for publication and submission to Scottish Ministers.

1 RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 That the Partnership agrees to delegate authority to the Executive Committee to approve the Annual Report 2008/09 for publication and submission to Scottish Ministers.

2 DISCUSSION

- 2.1 The Transport (Scotland) Act 2005 requires that Regional Transport Partnerships publish and submit to Scottish Ministers an Annual Report on the performance of their functions.
- 2.2 The main focus of the Partnership's activity during 2008/09 has included review and re-submission of the Regional Transport Strategy (RTS) in line with Scottish Government requirements; development of supporting sub-Strategies on Walking & Cycling, Buses, Travel Information and Park & Ride; reviewing and updating the RTS Delivery Plan to take account of revisions to the RTS, the publication of Transport Scotland's Strategic Transport Projects Review and changes to RTP Capital funding arrangements; ongoing development of Travel Planning activity and capacity in partnership with Councils, Health Boards and other public and private sector bodies; progressing the appraisal and Business Case development for key RTS interventions; and managing the delivery of a Capital Programme of just under £2 million. Engagement in Community Planning, particularly involvement in the development of Community Planning Partnership Single Outcome Agreements, has also been an increasing focus and demand on the Partnership's staff.
- 2.3 It had been the intention that a Draft Annual Report 2008/09, summarising progress on the above activities during the year, would be reported to this meeting. However, whilst the Annual Report is at an advanced stage of drafting, pressure of work has prevented this being completed in time for reporting to this meeting. It is, therefore, proposed that authority is delegated to the Executive Committee, consisting of the Chair, Deputy Chair, Councillor John Whyte, Councillor Jim Thomson and Professor Malcolm Horner, to approve the Annual Report 2009/09.
- 2.4 The Annual Report will be made publicly available on the Partnership's website and copies will also be made available to all key stakeholders, including constituent Councils, Community Planning Partnerships, Health Boards, transport operators, business organisations, other Regional Transport Partnerships and other relevant organisations.

3 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The costs of publishing and distributing the Annual Report will be contained within the approved 2008/09 Revenue Budget provision for Communications.

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NOTE

No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (and not containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing this report.