

TAYSIDE AND CENTRAL SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP**10 MARCH 2009****2009/10 AND 2010/11 REVENUE BUDGET****JOINT REPORT BY TREASURER AND DIRECTOR**

This report updates the Partnership on the outcome of partner Councils' Revenue Budget deliberations and on their contributions towards the Partnership's Core Revenue funding costs in 2009/10 and 2010/11.

1 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 That the Partnership :-
- (i) notes the approval of Council Revenue Budget contributions towards the Partnership's 2009/10 Core Revenue funding as outlined in the report;
 - (ii) agrees that a projected underspend of approximately £48,000 in 2008/09 Core Revenue costs is utilised to offset partner Councils' Core Revenue contributions in 2009/10;
 - (iii) agrees to receive a report on a proposed 2009/10 Revenue Programme utilising anticipated Scottish Government Grant in Aid at its meeting on 23 June 2009;
 - (iv) agrees to make an initial allocation of £40,000 from the anticipated Scottish Government grant towards Travel Plan initiatives, as outlined in the report; and
 - (v) remits the Director and Treasurer to undertake a review of Core Revenue funding requirements for 2010/11, in consultation with partner Councils, and report back to a future meeting.

2 DISCUSSION

- 2.1 At its meeting on 9 December 2008 the Partnership approved a Core Revenue Budget for financial year 2009/10, and an indicative Budget for 2010/11 as set out in the Appendix, and agreed to request that constituent Councils make provision for their respective funding contributions within their 2009/10 and 2010/11 Revenue Budgets (Report RTP 08/34 Refers).

2009/10 Core Revenue

- 2.2 Councils agreed their 2009/10 Revenue Budgets on 12th or 19th February 2009. Informal confirmation has now been received that all 4 Councils have made, or are making, provision for their respective shares of the Partnership's Core costs, as set out in the Appendix, within their 2009/10 Revenue Budgets.
- 2.3 As identified in a separate report on the 2008/09 Revenue Budget, there is a projected underspend of around £48,000 in the current year's Core budget. It is proposed that, subject to agreement with Scottish Government on assumed

full commitment of their 2008/09 contribution towards Core costs, this underspend is utilised to offset the levels of Core funding contributions required from partner Councils during 2009/10, allocated between Councils on the basis of the agreed joint funding formula.

2010/11 Core Revenue

- 2.4 All 4 partner Councils have indicated that, as a result of the very tight local government funding situation envisaged in 2010/11 and beyond, they are unable to commit to the contribution levels required to meet the Partnership's indicative 2010/11 Core Revenue costs, as approved on 9 December 2008.
- 2.5 Recognising the increasingly severe financial pressures facing the wider public sector in 2010/11 and beyond, it is recommended that the Director and Treasurer undertake a review of the Partnership's Core costs for 2010/11, in consultation with partner Councils, and report back with a revised 2010/11 Core Revenue Budget to a future meeting.

2009/10 Revenue Programme

- 2.6 As reported on 9 December 2008, it is anticipated that Scottish Government Revenue Grant of up to the £615,000 awarded in 2008/09 will continue in 2009/10 and 2010/11. This amount includes Government's contribution towards Core running costs.
- 2.7 It had been the intention to submit a proposed 2009/10 Revenue Programme for approval by the Partnership at this meeting (Report RTP/08/34 refers). However, at the time of writing, confirmation of the level of Government Revenue Grant for 2009/10 is awaited. Upon receipt of this confirmation and in parallel with review of the RTS Delivery Plan, as discussed in a separate report, a detailed Revenue Programme will be developed in consultation with the Chief Officers Liaison Group and Scottish Government. A proposed 2009/10 Revenue Programme will now be submitted for approval by the Partnership at its next meeting on 23 June 2009.
- 2.8 As Members are aware Scottish Government has previously funded development of activity on Active Travel Planning, with a separate Grant of £104,000 provided to support this in 2008/09. The level of this Grant is to be reduced to £35,000 in 2009/10, the majority of this being allocated to meet staffing costs associated with the appointment of the Travel Plan Officer.
- 2.9 As has been noted in various progress reports on the Travel Plan Strategy and Action Plan, a considerable amount of successful collaborative activity has been undertaken in this area with Councils, Health Boards, Further Education establishments and, increasingly, other public and private sector employers, including through the Sustainable Travel Grant Scheme. In order to maintain momentum on this important area of RTS activity, it is recommended that an initial allocation of £40,000 from the anticipated 2009/10 Scottish Government Grant in Aid award is allocated towards supporting ongoing work on the Travel Plan Strategy and Action plan in 2009/10. The adequacy of this amount will be reviewed alongside other priorities and commitments when reporting back on the wider Revenue Programme at the next meeting.

3 CONSULTATIONS

- 3.1 This report has been prepared in consultation with the Chief Officers Liaison Group.

4 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The main resource implications are addressed within the report.

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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.

**Tactran Core Revenue Budget
2009/2010 & 2010/2011**

Income	2008/09 Budget £	2009/10 Budget £	2010//11 Budget £
Scottish Executive Grant Revenue Received	£240,000	£250,000	£256,750
Angus Council	£48,090	£50,380	£51,926
Dundee City Council	£59,640	£62,480	£64,397
Perth and Kinross Council	£63,630	£66,660	£68,705
Stirling Council	£38,640	£40,480	£41,722
	£450,000	£470,000	£483,500
Expenditure			
<u>Staff Costs</u>			
Salary GP	£272,000	£286,000	£296,000
Salary Supn	£51,000	£54,000	£56,000
Salary NI	£22,000	£24,000	£25,000
Staff Slippage	£0	(£4,000)	(£4,000)
Training/Conferences	£6,000	£6,000	£6,000
Subscriptions	£500	£500	£500
	£351,500	£366,500	£379,500
<u>Property Costs</u>			
Rent	£12,000	£15,000	£15,000
Rates	£7,000	£7,000	£7,000
Energy	£6,500	£6,500	£6,500
Cleaning	£2,500	£2,500	£2,500
Maintenance	£1,000	£1,000	£1,000
	£29,000	£32,000	£32,000
<u>Supplies and Services</u>			
Office Consumables	£5,000	£4,000	£4,000
Communications	£6,500	£6,500	£6,500
Information Technology	£2,500	£2,000	£2,000
Insurance	£6,000	£6,500	£7,000
Board Expenses Miscellaneous	£3,000	£2,000	£2,000
Hospitality	£2,000	£1,000	£1,000
	£25,000	£22,000	£22,500
<u>Transport Costs</u>			
Travel and Subsistence	£2,000	£2,000	£2,000
Public Transport	£1,000	£2,000	£2,000
Parking	£2,000	£2,000	£2,000
Expenses - Board Members	£1,000	£1,000	£1,000
	£6,000	£7,000	£7,000
<u>Third Party Payments</u>			
Audit Fees External	£11,000	£11,000	£11,000
PKC Finance Service	£12,000	£14,000	£14,000
PKC Secretariat Service	£12,000	£14,000	£14,000
PKC Other Third Party Payments	£3,500	£3,500	£3,500
	£38,500	£42,500	£42,500
Gross Expenditure	£450,000	£470,000	£483,500
Net Expenditure	£0	£0	£0