

**TAYSIDE AND CENTRAL SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP****23 OCTOBER 2007****CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING REPORT****REPORT BY TREASURER**

This report updates the Partnership on progress on implementing the 2007/08 Capital Programme and seeks the Partnership's approval of a number of revisions to the Programme.

**1 RECOMMENDATIONS**

1.1 It is recommended that the Partnership :-

- (i) notes the 2007/08 projected outturn position for Capital Budget as detailed in the Appendix; and
- (ii) approves the adjustments to the 2007/08 Programme as outlined in the report and Appendix.

**2 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 At its meeting on 19 December 2006 the Partnership approved a Capital Programme for 2007/08, based on anticipated receipt of Scottish Executive Capital Grant of £3.327 million (Report RTP 06/40 refers). The approved programme is based upon a previously agreed allocation of grant to each constituent Council to deliver projects in their area, as approved by the Partnership.
- 2.2 Confirmation of Capital Grant of £3,327,724 for 2007/08 was received from the Scottish Executive on 30 March 2007. An additional grant of £765,000 was also confirmed at that time, this being transfer of an equivalent amount previously allocated to Stirling Council under the Scottish Executive's Public Transport Fund / Integrated Transport Fund to deliver a Park & Ride project on the East-West Public Transport Corridor in Stirling. This element of grant is ring-fenced for completion of this project in 2007/08.

**3 DISCUSSION**

- 3.1 Within the 2006/2007 Capital programme £813,050 of slippage was carried forward into the 2007/08 programme giving a total Capital budget of £4,905,774. Expenditure to 31 August is £425,750, with the projected spend to 31 March 2008 being close to budget, as detailed in the Appendix.

- 3.2 Councils have notified a number of variances to individual project costs and/or project deliverability during 2007/08. These will require realignment of the Programme, with adjustments and virements to fund cost increases. Where this is required, each Council's projected spend will be contained within their original Capital allocation. The associated financial adjustments to the Programme are outlined below and detailed in the Appendix.

#### Angus Council

- 3.3 Angus Council carried forward slippage of £30,632 from 2006/07 and has proposed that this funding is used to augment the Dropped Kerb programme of £100,000 to improve access for mobility impaired public transport users and pedestrians. The Partnership is asked to approve this adjustment.
- 3.4 Angus Council has indicated that all projects are on target for completion by the end of the financial year, as summarised in the Appendix.

#### Dundee City Council

- 3.5 The Partnership previously agreed to carry forward £300,000 from the 2006/07 Capital Programme into 2007/08, to fund intended improvements to the Swallow Roundabout junction on the A90, west of Dundee, with a further £300,000 allocated to this project in 2007/08. Dundee City Council is progressing negotiations with Transport Scotland on implementation of a scheme which will relieve congestion and improve accessibility, including for public transport, at this key junction on the Trunk Road network.
- 3.6 A project involving joint funding by Transport Scotland, TACTRAN and anticipated Developer Contributions is at an advanced stage of discussion. However, it is unlikely that this will progress towards scheme implementation this financial year.
- 3.7 In order to enable the current proposals to be developed, and hopefully agreed, the Partnership is asked to agree that the currently accumulated funding of £600,000 towards the Swallow Roundabout project is preserved for potential transfer to Transport Scotland, on the basis of an agreed scheme which they would take forward. This arrangement will also require to be agreed with Scottish Government.
- 3.8 All other Dundee City projects are on target for completion by the end of the financial year, as summarised in the Appendix.

Perth & Kinross Council

- 3.9 A number of adjustments are proposed to the 2007/08 Programme to accommodate slippages and cost increases associated with completion of the Kinross Park & Ride project and the Broxden Park & Ride extension scheme.
- 3.10 The Partnership is asked to agree that additional costs totalling £152,407 for the above schemes is met through an equivalent reduction in the allocations for the Perth Bus Station (£50,000); Perth Harbour Access Road (£10,000) and New Tay Crossing (£30,000) schemes, plus an underspend on the Inveralmond Junction Improvement ((£12,407). A further £50,000 is able to be transferred from the Perth Future Park & Ride Schemes project, as initial work on this will now be taken forward through the Park & Ride Strategy project, which is being funded from the Partnership's Revenue Budget provision for RTS development in 2007/08, as discussed in the separate Regional Transport Strategy Progress Report.
- 3.11 The Partnership is asked to approve the adjustments to the Perth & Kinross element of the Capital Programme, as summarised in the Appendix.
- 3.12 At the time of writing there are ongoing discussions regarding developments adjacent to the Broxden Park and Ride site which have a bearing on the Park and Ride project. Any further developments arising from these discussions and related meeting will be reported orally to the Board.

Stirling Council

- 3.13 Slippage totalling £207,518 was carried forward from the 2006/07 Programme. At the time of writing amended proposals for utilisation of these funds, and variances to related schemes in the 2007/08 Programme, are under discussion. An indication of the overall financial implications is included in the Appendix and further developments/proposals for adjustment will be reported orally.
- 3.14 Stirling Council has advised that the main 2007/08 Programme projects; Stirling Western Park & Ride; East – West Public Transport Corridor; Killin Bus Interchange; National Cycle Network 76 at Manor Powis; and Route Action Plans, will be completed by the end of the Financial year, as summarised in the Appendix.
- 3.15 The Partnership is asked to approve the adjustments to the Stirling element of the Capital Programme as summarised in the Appendix, subject to further information being provided orally at the meeting.

## **4 CONSULTATIONS**

- 4.1 The Director and Finance Officers of the constituent Councils have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

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