

## TAYSIDE AND CENTRAL SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP

30 JANUARY 2008

## 2007/08 CAPITAL PROGRAMME

## REPORT BY DIRECTOR AND TREASURER

This report updates the Partnership on progress with the 2007/08 Capital Programme and on ongoing discussions between Scottish Government officials and Regional Transport Partnerships on a potential revision to 2007/08 Capital Grant allocations.

**1 RECOMMENDATIONS**

## 1.1 That the Partnership:-

- (i) notes progress on implementing the approved 2007/08 Capital Programme, as summarised in the Appendix; and
- (ii) notes that discussions are ongoing with Scottish Government officials on 2007/08 Capital Grant allocations to Regional Transport Partnerships and agrees to receive a report on the outcome of these discussions at its next meeting.

**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). Confirmation of a Capital Grant award 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 former Scottish Executive 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.
- 2.2 The Partnership noted progress on the implementation of the 2007/08 Capital Programme at its meeting on 23 October 2007, at which time a number of adjustments to the programme, to take account of anticipated variances to individual project costs and/or project deliverability, were approved (Report RTP/07/36 refers). The revised programme approved by the Partnership on 23 October was submitted to Scottish Government officials in late October, in response to their request for a progress update. This monitoring return indicated full commitment of the allocated 2007/08 Capital Grant of £4.092 million.
- 2.3 At its meeting on 18 December 2007 the Partnership was advised that, as consequence of Government officials' anticipation of an underspend in the overall 2007/08 RTPs Capital Budget of £59.3 million, they would be cutting the national Budget by £4.8 million. It was reported orally on 18 December that Government officials had indicated an anticipation that this saving could

be achieved through “declared underspends” in RTP Capital Programmes. Previous monitoring updates submitted by TACTRAN have clearly indicated that no underspend on this year’s Capital Programme is anticipated. However, in order to assist in achieving their budget, cut, Government officials had advised that the next due instalment of Capital Grant for each RTP would be withheld, pending identification of where actual savings in the national programme would be met from. In TACTRAN’s case this amounts to £800,000, or 25% of the Partnership’s core Capital Programme of £3.327 million, excluding the ring-fenced allocation for the Stirling Park & Ride scheme. In addition it was reported that re-profiling of spend is to be on the basis that there will be no Government approval of carry-over of expenditure beyond the end of the current Financial Year on 31 March 2008, with a further caveat that funding cannot be re-directed towards “new commitments”.

- 2.4 An updated expenditure profile, based on the programme set out in the Appendix of report RTP/07/39, compiled in consultation with constituent Councils, was submitted to Scottish Government officials on 17 December 2007 and tabled at the meeting on 18 December. This revised programme continued to anticipate full commitment of TACTRAN’s approved 2007/08 Capital Grant of £3.327 million, plus £765,000 for the Park & Ride project on the East-West Public Transport Corridor in Stirling. An oral update stating this position was provided by the Director at the Partnership meeting on 18 December, at which time the Director advised that a further updated expenditure profile was required to be submitted to Scottish Government by 17 January 2008, giving the updated position as at 31 December 2007.

### **3 DISCUSSION**

- 3.1 A revised spend profile for the previously approved Capital Programme, as at the end of December 2007, has been provided to the Scottish Government as set out in the Appendix.
- 3.2 This continues to project full spend of TACTRAN’s allocated Capital grant of £3.327 million plus the additional ring-fenced £765,000 from PTF/ITF for completion of the Stirling West Park & Ride scheme, totalling £4.092 million.
- 3.3 In considering the Appendix it should be noted that there are some variances to figures compared with the Appendix to report RTP RTP/07/39, as approved at the Partnership meeting on 18 December 2007, owing to the fact that some 2006/07 “Carry Forward” expenditure had been inadvertently included within the Appendix at that time. The attached update deals only with 2007/08 Grant and spend.
- 3.4 The anticipated full spend includes the Swallow Roundabout scheme. Agreement has now been reached with Transport Scotland that TACTRAN’s 2007/08 contribution of £300,000 to this project will be through payment into a Transport Scotland Suspense Account, where Transport Scotland will hold funding contributions for implementation of measures to relieve traffic congestion at this severe bottleneck on the regional and national strategic road network. TACTRAN will be entering into a legal agreement with Transport Scotland reserving the TACTRAN contribution for this purpose. This arrangement will include a further contribution of £300,000 to this project, which had been carried forward from 2006/07 with Scottish Government agreement.

- 3.5 TACTRAN's funding contribution to this project will act as lever funding, to enable Dundee City Council colleagues to secure additional Developer and public sector contributions towards a multi-partner funding arrangement, which will result in a scheme totalling around £6 million being progressed. It is envisaged that work on this scheme will commence towards the end of 2008.
- 3.6 As was reported orally on 18 December 2007, a meeting of all RTPs and Government officials is to be convened in late January/early February, when Government officials intend that decisions will be made on how their required national saving of £4.8 million will be achieved, along with associated implications for future 2007/08 RTP Capital Grant payments by Government, in light of the recent monitoring returns submitted by all RTPs. Following this meeting revised Grant Award letters are to be issued to RTPs reflecting decisions on how the national savings are to be effected. Any further developments will be reported orally.

#### **4 CONSULTATIONS**

- 4.1 The Chief Officers Liaison Group and the Finance Group have been consulted in the preparation of this report. Scottish Government officials have also been consulted on the content of the report.

#### **5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 This report has no direct or immediate resource implications. However, any reduction in the Partnership's previously approved Capital Grant allocation would require equivalent adjustment to the approved Capital Programme, as set out in the Appendix, which has the potential to raise contractual issues in relation to schemes which are already legally or otherwise committed. Any budgetary implications arising from the meeting referred to in 3.6 above will be the subject of early discussion with constituent Councils' programme Managers.

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## TAYSIDE AND CENTRAL SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP 2007-08 CAPITAL SPENDING PLAN

## Angus Council

Project	Approved Budget 18/12/2007	Expenditure as at 31/12/2007	PO as at 31/12/07	Variance	Comment
Real Time Information - Montrose Railway Station	£8,000	£0	£8,000	£0	Order placed & legally committed
Real Time Information - Burnside Drive Arbroath	£24,500	£22,066	£24,500	£0	Substantially completed
Quality Bus Corridor - Monifieth - Abroath	£218,922	£414	£218,922	£0	Contractors on site.
Improved Passenger Interchange - Kirriemuir	£13,500	£0	£13,500	£0	Scheme out to consultation
Improved Passenger Interchange - Friockheim	£6,000	£5,117	£6,000	£0	Completed
Dropped kerb programme to increase access/address mobility issues.	£100,000	£0	£100,000	£0	Legally committed and on site
Cycleways - Sustran National Route 1/A92	£70,000	£3,895	£70,000	£0	Legally committed
Works A935 Brechin to Montrose Route Action Plan.	£115,000	£10,500	£115,000	£0	Legally committed
Works A92 Arbroath to North Water Bridge Route Action Plan	£205,000	£205,000	£205,000	£0	Completed
	<b>£760,922</b>	<b>£246,992</b>	<b>£760,922</b>	<b>£0</b>	

## Dundee City Council

Project	Approved Budget 18/12/2007	Expenditure as at 31/12/2007	PO as at 31/12/07	Variance	Comment
Dundee - Abroath Quality Bus Corridor	£77,000	£17,425	£77,000	£0	Order placed, legally committed and work commenced
Dundee - Blairgowrie Quality Bus Corridor	£73,000	£2,400	£73,000	£0	Order placed and legally committed
Public Transport Users/Pedestrians Improvements	£54,500	£0	£54,500	£0	Order placed and legally committed.
Network Management Sustainability Toolkit	£229,090	£181,742	£229,090	£0	Substantially complete.
Upgrade and improve Dundee Green Circular Cycle Network	£50,000	£0	£50,000	£0	Order placed and on site in Feb 2008 (additional £20,000 from DCC CWSS budget)
Completion of upgrade to variable message sign on approaches to and/or the inner ring road	£163,000	£81,000	£163,000	£0	Legally Committed and on site.
Roads - Swallow Roundabout	£300,000	£0	£300,000	£0	Agreement in principle with Transport Scotland
	<b>£946,590</b>	<b>£282,567</b>	<b>£946,590</b>	<b>£0</b>	

**Perth & Kinross Council**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Approved Budget 18/12/2007</b>	<b>Expenditure as at 31/12/2007</b>	<b>PO as at 31/12/07</b>	<b>Variance</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Broxden Park and Ride Extension	£660,315	£96,800	£660,315	£0	Project undertaken across financial years 2006/07 and 2007/08. Legally committed and on site.
Kinross Park and Ride	£86,685	£86,685	£86,685	£0	Completed
Perth Bus Station	£50,000	£1,182	£50,000	£0	On site early 2008.
Perth Harbour Access Road	£40,000	£0	£40,000	£0	Work package issued.
New Tay Crossing Development	£170,011	£41,418	£170,011	£0	Design work progressing.
	<b>£1,007,011</b>	<b>£226,085</b>	<b>£1,007,011</b>	<b>£0</b>	

**Stirling Council**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Approved Budget 18/12/2007</b>	<b>Expenditure as at 31/12/2007</b>	<b>PO as at 31/12/07</b>	<b>Variance</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Stirling Western Park & Ride Facility	£440,000	£0	£440,000	£0	Contract awarded and on site. Joint project with East - West PT Corridor and all expenditure to date (£365,431) shown against that project,
East - West Public Transport Corridor	£765,000	£365,431	£765,000	£0	Contract awarded and on site. Joint project with Stirling West P&R Facility (PTF funding)
Killin Bus Interchange Facility	£13,000	£11,777	£13,000	£0	Design work completed.
NCN 76 completion of missing link at Manor Powis	£7,000	£6,247	£7,000	£0	Design work completed.
Route Action Plans Stirling Wide	£153,111	£58,445	£153,111	£0	Work programme commenced
	<b>£1,378,111</b>	<b>£441,900</b>	<b>£1,378,111</b>	<b>£0</b>	

<b>Total</b>	<b>£4,092,634</b>	<b>£1,197,544</b>	<b>£4,092,634</b>	<b>£0</b>	
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