

TAYSIDE AND CENTRAL SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP

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HEALTH AND TRANSPORT UPDATE

REPORT BY SENIOR STRATEGY OFFICER

This report provides an update to the Partnership on work relating to the RTP Delivery Plan theme 'Health and Transport'.

1 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 That the Partnership notes progress on work being undertaken with NHS Tayside and NHS Forth Valley to deliver the RTS 'Health and Transport' strategy.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The [Regional Transport Strategy 2015-2036 Refresh](#) was approved by the Partnership at its meeting on 16 June 2015 (Report RTP/15/19 refers). The RTS includes a detailed strategy for Health and Transport with the following four strands:

- Promoting active travel
- Transport and public health
- Access to healthcare
- NHS staff travel

- 2.2 To help align the Health and Transport work within each of the Community Planning Partnerships' Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) work programmes, Tactran and the two NHS boards developed a Health and Transport Framework which was adopted by the NHS Boards and the Partnership in 2011. The Health and Transport Framework covered workstreams relating to each of the four strands identified in paragraph 2.1 above.

- 2.3 By early 2018, each of the four community planning partnerships had replaced their Single Outcome Agreements with more focused Local Outcome Improvement Plans (LOIPs).

3 DISCUSSION

- 3.1 A Health and Transport Framework (H&TF) was developed to help align NHS and Tactran Health and Transport activity within the Community Planning Partnership SOA work programmes. With the replacement of the SOAs with LOIPs a 'light touch' review of the success of the H&TF was undertaken and its relevance with the new LOIPs. This 'light touch' review concluded:

- The Health and Transport Framework, and the respective plans, were broad in scope trying to cover all 'health and transport' activity
- Unsurprisingly, there had been little, if any progress against many actions
- This does not mean progress hadn't been made. Many of the actions were being pursued by relevant partners, but this is likely to be a result of the standard activities of partners as much as the 'Health and Transport Framework' itself
- The LOIPs which replaced the SOAs still had outcomes that would be supported by 'health and transport activity', but the 'health and transport' outcomes of the LOIPs were focused around
 - Health of children / active travel to school
 - Health / Active travel / physical activity
 - Air quality
 - ranking against the Scottish Indices of Multiple deprivation (SIMD) health domain
- In prioritising activity, the Community Planning Partnerships (Perth & Kinross and Stirling in particular) have sought to identify those handful of joint partnership activities which could have the greatest impact on the LOIP outcomes, rather than try and state all activity by all partners that could contribute to the achievement of the LOIP outcomes.

3.2 Discussions were held with NHS Tayside and NHS Forth Valley to understand how best to take forward the Health and Transport agenda. To inform these, and ongoing CPP discussions, Systra were commissioned to provide an [evidence base](#) which would help inform the targeting of activity in relation to the themes identified above. These discussions have resulted in two different paths relating to the Tactran constituent councils in each of the two health Board Areas.

NHS Tayside area

3.3 Three streams of work are being pursued with NHS Tayside:

- Transforming Tayside Transport Appraisal and Transport and Access Strategy
- Review of NHS Tayside Public Health Strategy
- Promoting of sustainable travel options to Ninewells

Transforming Tayside Transport Appraisal and Transport and Access Strategy

3.4 NHS Tayside is currently redesigning the delivery of acute services under the umbrella of the '[Transforming Tayside](#)' review. This redesign is expected to include the relocation of some services. Accordingly NHS Tayside want to understand the 'transport and access' impact of changes and subsequently put a transport and access strategy in place to help ensure:

- Patients, carers and visitors across Tayside are able to access acute hospital services timely, with reasonable dignity and convenience

- The air quality impacts of the travel demands generated by NHS Tayside locations are minimised
- Staff, patient and visitor travel demands are met and promoted in as a sustainable manner as possible

3.5 Accordingly, Tactran have offered to support NHS Tayside in procuring and managing transport consultants to undertake a Transport Appraisal of the Transforming Tayside programme and support NHS Tayside staff in preparing a Transport and Access Strategy for NHS Tayside.

NHS Tayside Public Health Strategy

3.6 NHS Tayside has commenced a review of their public health strategy. It is considered that rather than Tactran initiate work with each CPP to identify activities that support public health, the public health strategy is a better vehicle to define the healthy transport priorities to be taken forward within the community planning process. Accordingly officers have provided input into initial drafts of the strategy. However, progress to date has been limited and Tactran officers are currently seeking to clarify how Tactran can best continue to contribute to the review of the Tayside Public Health Strategy.

Sustainable Access to NHS Tayside sites

3.7 The Partnership will recall that an award of £35,000 was made to NHS Tayside as part of the 2018/19 Active Travel Grant to carry out a feasibility study in to the active travel access in and around the Ninewells Hospital site (Report RTP/18/35 refers). This work has been taken forward by Dundee City Council engineers. A final report on the study is due for publication before the end of June 2019.

3.8 An application has been made to the Sustrans 2019/20 Places for Everyone fund to take forward some of the findings within the study. It is proposed that the Partnership receives an update at its next meeting scheduled for the 17 September 2019.

NHS Forth Valley area

3.9 Following discussions with NHS Forth Valley, a workshop was held with Stirling CPP partners to identify those joint health and transport activities which the partners felt would have the biggest impact on achieving the outcomes of the LOIP, namely reducing health inequalities. Two themes have emerged:

- Better co-ordination and targeting of partner active travel in Stirling's poorest health neighbourhoods
- Recognising the impact poor access in rural areas (to services/facilities/jobs etc.) has on poverty/social exclusion and therefore health

3.10 Endorsement is currently being sought via the CPP process to initiate co-production workstreams with relevant community planning partners to further develop and propose specific actions based on these themes.

4 CONSULTATIONS

4.1 The report has been prepared in consultation with the Transportation Officers Liaison Group and the Public Transport Officers Liaison Group as well as NHS Tayside and NHS Forth Valley.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The report has no direct resource implications other than staff time.

6 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

6.1 This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) and no major issues have been identified. Tactran will encourage partners to undertake proportionate EqIAs, if they are not already proposed, in relation to the partners activities identified.

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NOTE

The following 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:

Report to Partnership RTP/15/19, Refresh of Regional Transport Strategy, 16 June 2015

Report to Partnership RTP/16/19, Review of RTS Delivery Plan, 14 June 2016

Report to Partnership RTP/18/35, Active Travel Progress Update, 25 September 2018