



Covid-19 Crisis – Transport Progress Update: Presentation

Date of meeting 18 September 2020

Date of report 26 August 2020

Report by Chief Executive

1. Object of report

To advise the Partnership of the content of a presentation to be given to the current meeting in relation to the Covid-19 crisis and transport in the west of Scotland.

2. Background

The impacts of the Covid-19 public health emergency continue to dominate activity across many sectors, including transport. Members have been updated on progress via various reports to the Partnership and Committees, including most recently to the Operations¹ and Strategy and Programmes² Committees. Given the fluid and evolving nature of the impact of the crisis, and responses to it, the presentation will give an up-to-date position on a range of matters, which relate to the work of SPT, Councils and other partners in the west of Scotland.

3. Outline of Proposals

3.1 The presentation will cover the following key areas:

- SPT's ongoing response, including business continuity arrangements, the Subway, supported bus services including MyBus, bus stations, school transport, community transport, travel card unit, funding, Bus Partnership and communications and engagement;
- The Scottish Government/Transport Scotland response, including bus service enhancement support, the Bus Priority Rapid Deployment Fund (BPRDF), Bus Partnership Fund, Spaces for People, COP26, Strategic Transport Projects Review 2, National Planning Framework 4, and ongoing liaison arrangements;
- Transport Transition Plan (TTP) National and Regional Advisory Groups, including progress on the Glasgow City Region TTP, progress with Ayrshire and Argyll & Bute councils, bid to BPRDF, and Interim Regional Spatial Strategy; and
- The preparation of the new Regional Transport Strategy (RTS), including updating the RTS Key Issues.

¹ http://www.spt.co.uk/documents/latest/Ops210820_Agenda6.pdf

² http://www.spt.co.uk/documents/latest/SP280820_Agenda8.pdf

4. Conclusion

There is a growing acceptance that the impact of the Covid-19 crisis could be deep and far-reaching in the long-term. However, from a strategic transport perspective, SPT and partners have reacted quickly in seeking to mitigate those impacts and, where possible, seek positive change. The presentation given to the current meeting will provide an up-to-date picture of those activities. Crucially, the presentation will also outline how they are being taken account of in the development of the new RTS, which will provide a basis for future action in a co-ordinated, integrated and multi-modal way, in seeking to improve the transport system for the people and communities of the west of Scotland.

5. Partnership action

The Partnership is recommended to note the contents of this report and the presentation given to the current meeting.

6. Consequences

Policy consequences	<i>Continuing to emerge and new RTS will need to take account of the impacts of the Covid-19 crisis.</i>
Legal consequences	<i>None at present.</i>
Financial consequences	<i>These are being monitored and kept under review.</i>
Personnel consequences	<i>None at present.</i>
Equalities consequences	<i>There is emerging evidence that the crisis has heightened inequality for specific groups across society.</i>
Risk consequences	<i>None at present but being monitored and kept under review.</i>

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