



SPT Council Reports

Date of meeting 17 December 2021

Date of report 8 December 2021

Report by Acting Chief Executive

1. Object of report

The object of this report is to:

- inform the Partnership of the preparation by SPT of reports for each council in Strathclyde, highlighting progress on transport policy and projects since 2017/18, the changing context for transport, SPT's regional role, and issues and priorities for the future; and
- recommend approval of the proposed structure and content of the reports, in line with the initial draft report "SPT: Delivering for Inverclyde" attached at Appendix 1.

2. Background

- 2.1 Members will recall that, prior to preparation of the new Regional Transport Strategy (RTS), SPT prepared annual Transport Outcome Reports (TORs) for each council area in Strathclyde. The TORs, which were prepared in liaison with council officers, detailed SPT's activities in that area and across the region that year, from service provision to project delivery, and were circulated to Partnership members, elected members and senior officers in each council, the relevant Community Planning Partnerships, and other stakeholders on request. Further, a presentation on the TOR was given by SPT officers to the local Community Planning Partnership, with an invitation extended to the relevant SPT Partnership Board member(s) for that area to attend. The TORs were well received, proving a useful way of raising the profile of SPT's work, promoting our policies and projects, and engaging in dialogue with local stakeholders. It is planned to undertake preparation of an updated form of TORs post-approval of the new RTS in 2022.
- 2.2 However, as this term of the Partnership Board and council administrations have entered their final year, and heightened interest in the future of transport in the west of Scotland, it is hoped these new standalone council reports will serve to inform stakeholders of the achievements of SPT and councils over recent years, the current context for transport in our region, and issues and aspirations for the future. It is further envisaged that they will stimulate interest and awareness in the consultation on the draft Regional Transport Strategy which will take place over spring/summer 2022.

3. Outline of proposals

- 3.1 Attached at Appendix 1 is a draft of the proposed council report for Inverclyde, entitled "SPT: Delivering for Inverclyde". Following an introduction, the report is structured around the following sections:

- SPT: who we are and what we do – including highlighting our total capital and revenue investment in transport since 2017;
- The changing context for transport – highlighting some of the key issues in transport at present including generating passenger growth after Covid-19 and achieving climate change targets;
- The importance of SPT’s regional role – emphasising the strength in a regional approach to transport through SPT to the benefit of the whole region;
- SPT operational activities – details on the services provided by SPT across the region and in Inverclyde, and some key statistics in that regard;
- SPT investment in Inverclyde – further information on projects funded by SPT in Inverclyde since 2017, also including a section on community transport;
- Working in partnership – highlighting the strong working relationship between SPT and Inverclyde Council, and other key stakeholders; and
- Looking to the future – highlighting key workstreams currently underway, including the new RTS, and also proposing three “asks” of partners from SPT as regards future priorities and joint working.

3.2 The structure of the draft report has been prepared with the intention that it is as informative as possible to a wide range of stakeholders, who may have varying levels of knowledge on transport and the work and role of SPT. Relevant content of the draft report has been discussed with council officers. It is anticipated that the reports for all twelve of our constituent councils will be prepared in a rolling programme from December to February, and issued thereafter. The stakeholder mailing list is in the process of being compiled but will include all local elected members, Community Planning Partnerships, MSPs and MPs for the relevant area.

4. Conclusion

The proposed council reports as outlined above and in line with the draft “SPT: Delivering for Inverclyde” document at Appendix 1 will, it is hoped, prove a useful and informative tool for stakeholders in better understanding the current context of transport in their area and the region, and the work of SPT and councils. Further, it is anticipated that the reports will generate further interest in the new Regional Transport Strategy, setting the scene for wide engagement during the consultation on the Draft RTS in mid-2022. Officers will continue to keep members updated on the preparation of the reports for each council over the December to February period.

5. Partnership action

The Partnership is recommended to:

- note this report; and
- approve the proposed structure and content of the reports, in line with the initial draft report, “SPT: Delivering for Inverclyde”, attached at Appendix 1.

6. Consequences

Policy consequences

The proposed council reports will help inform stakeholders and raise awareness of the development of the new Regional Transport Strategy.

Legal consequences

None.

Financial consequences	<i>None.</i>
Personnel consequences	<i>None.</i>
Equalities consequences	<i>None.</i>
Risk consequences	<i>None.</i>

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