

**THE MORAY COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

MES TRANSPORTATION GROUP

Date: Monday 22 May 2017, 9-11am

Location: Meeting Room 6, Moray Council Annexe

ATTENDEES:

S Cooper, Head of Direct Services (SC)

N Moss, Transportation Manager (NM)

L Mackay, Moray Chamber of Commerce (LM)

R Robertson, Director Hitrans (RR)

S Hutcheon, Head of Regional Development HIE (SH)

APOLOGIES:

M Brown, McPhersons (MB)

Cllr G Leadbitter (GL)

Item	Subject	Action
1.0	Apologies and Introductions	
1.1	As noted above.	
1.2	Introductions were made for the benefit of Lara Mackay. Lara will replace Margery McLennan on the group while Sarah Medcraf is on maternity leave (until February 2018). Sarah will then take over attending the group instead of Margery.	
2.0	Minute of last meeting: 20 February 2017	
2.1	1.2 - Stephen met with Martin Brown from Macphersons on 13 April 2017 and he said he would attend these meetings if he was available. Stephen asked if Lara can see if there are any other private transport operators who might be interested being on this group – particularly haulage companies but anyone that might be interested. It would be good to have the private companies represented.	LM
2.2	2.1 - Nicola has been in touch with Laurie Piper to talk about Moray harbours as a yacht destination. Agreed real opportunities on tourism front to do something with Moray harbours, some kind of trail etc. They will meet up again this year. Steven said Fiona and Angie from HIE are leading on tourism and he will pass contact details on so that NM can arrange to meet them.	SH/NM
2.3	2.2 – Ranald said the customer information screens have been ordered but we don't think they have been fitted yet.	
2.4	3.0 – Regional Transport Strategy - final draft is now out for consultation. Nicola will arrange to respond by Friday 5 July 2017. Ranald has offered further briefing sessions if required.	NM
2.5	4.1 – Forres railway station - signalised crossing/bridge – Stephen hasn't spoken to him but Cllr Alexander has been quite vocal about his thoughts.	

	Nicola said there were about a crossing being put in place. Nicola to update the next meeting.	NM
2.6	4.2 – goods onto freight/rail – no update.	
2.7	4.3 – Ness Energy Project (waste transfer) – Ranald was to find out if there could be a joint project with Nestrans. Stephen agreed to speak to contact within the Northern Roads Collaboration Forum.	SC
3.0	Public Transport	
3.1	Dial M We were not successful in our bid for European funding for a transport app.	
3.2	Integration Nothing further to add.	
3.3	Rail Upgrade Forres has another year or so to go on the upgrade. Bridge going in during October holidays so this will mean a closure. Elgin – work like signaling etc taking place. We think that the freight sidings will be used for turning.	
4.0	Elgin Transport Infrastructure	
4.1	Car Parking Strategy A report is being submitted to Economic Development and Infrastructure Services (ED&I) Committee on 20 June 2017. Some of the car parking data (recording car movements within the different car parks) has had to be done again. Nicola will make some minor changes to include different pricing options etc.	NM
4.2	Elgin Transport Strategy Report will go to a Special Full Council Committee on 9 August 2017.	
5.0	A96	
5.1	Meeting being held on Wednesday with SWECO representatives to talk about the A96 dualling.	
6.0	AOCB	
6.1	Realtime – Stephen understood that Stagecoach were going to take this on as it was a budget cut for us. Nicola will speak to Donald about clarifying the different strands for this and will ask him to come to the next meeting.	NM
6.2	Moray growth deal – Stephen asked Nicola to brief Diane before attending the event on 8 June 2017. Stephen thought it was important that we are all	NM

	<p>in tune. Discussion about whether there were merits in having a transportation hub – Stephen wonders if there is someone that we can tap into to find out if this is a credible solution. Steven said it was one of the next bits of the growth deal to do feasibility studies/testing – is a transport hub feasible, what scale would you need, how would it be funded, what skills would be needed? To be discussed further at future meetings.</p>	
6.3	Lara said that the chamber are looking at holding an event with Stacey MacDonald from Network Rail with the chamber business members to give them information. Nicola said she would like to attend.	LM
6.4	Buckie update – meeting to be held later in the year with Siemens and Repsol.	
7.0	Next Meeting	
7.1	Monday 21 August 2017, 9am – Venue - TBC	ALL
7.2	Future Meetings:	
	20 November 2017, 9am. Venue - TBC	ALL