

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

Environment and Infrastructure Committee

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Consultation Reply on National Transport Strategy

Report by Executive Director (Housing & Environment) (Report No. 19/320)

Transport Scotland is currently undertaking a consultation on the draft National Transport Strategy (NTS) for Scotland, which is aiming to set a vision for the future of transport in Scotland for the next twenty years.

Perth & Kinross Council has prepared a reply to the Scottish Government's consultation on the National Transport Strategy for the Committee to approve the officers' reply.

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Transport Scotland is currently undertaking a [consultation](#) on the draft National Transport Strategy (NTS) for Scotland, which is aiming to set a vision for the future of transport in Scotland for the next twenty years.
- 1.2 The consultation undertaken on the draft National Transport Strategy helps set the scope of the Strategy along with the Vision, Priorities and Outcomes. Transport Scotland is seeking views on whether the policies contained within the Strategy are the right ones to help deliver its vision.
- 1.3 The Strategy was developed in collaboration with over 60 partner organisations around Scotland to deliver a net-zero emissions transport system by 2045 as a key priority.

2. PROPOSALS

- 2.1 Within the National Transport Strategy there is an overarching Vision, which states "*We will have a sustainable, inclusive and accessible transport system, helping deliver a healthier, fairer and more prosperous Scotland for communities, businesses and visitors*".
- 2.2 To achieve the Vision, there are four key priorities and associated outcomes. Under each of the four priorities, there are three outcomes which have been defined in the Strategy. These are:
 - (i) **Promotes equality**
 - Will provide fair access to services we need
 - Will be easy to use for all
 - Will be affordable for all

- (ii) **Takes climate action**
Will adapt to the effects of climate change
Will help deliver our net-zero target
Will promote greener, cleaner choices
- (iii) **Helps our economy prosper**
Will get us where we need to get to
Will be reliable, efficient and high quality
Will use beneficial innovation
- (iv) **Improves our health and wellbeing**
Will be safe and secure for all
Will enable us to make healthy travel choices
Will help make our communities great places to live

2.3 Transport Scotland have identified that the strategy is for all of Scotland and have tried to recognise that there are key differences between our cities, towns, remote and rural areas and islands. The Strategy is for the whole of the transport system covering people and freight including why travel is undertaken and how the trips are made. This includes walking, wheeling (eg. skateboards, scooters, wheelchairs) cycling and travel by bus, train, car, lorry and plane.

2.4 The Strategy acknowledges that active travel can play a vital part in getting our nation to become a healthier place and tackle medical problems caused by poor levels of activity. To encourage people to consider alternatives to the car, it is considered that the transport system must be safe and secure.

2.5 Transport Scotland is currently seeking the views on the National Transport Strategy and Perth & Kinross Council has prepared a response to the consultation questionnaire. The responses can be found in Appendix 1. A series of consultation questions were prepared by Transport Scotland, which Perth & Kinross Council has replied to in italics, in Appendix 1. The deadline for the consultation was Wednesday 23 October 2019, although Council officers have requested an extension to this deadline, to allow this report to be considered by the Committee.

3. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

3.1 It is recommended that the Committee approves the responses that officers have prepared in Appendix 1.

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1. IMPLICATIONS, ASSESSMENTS, CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

Strategic Implications	Yes / None
Community Plan	None
Corporate Plan	None
Resource Implications	
Financial	None
Workforce	None
Asset Management (land, property, IST)	None
Assessments	
Equality Impact Assessment	None
Strategic Environmental Assessment	None
Sustainability (community, economic, environmental)	None
Legal and Governance	None
Risk	None
Consultation	
Internal	Yes
External	None
Communication	
Communications Plan	None

1. Strategic Implications

Community Plan

1.1 Not Applicable

Corporate Plan

1.2 Not Applicable

2. Resource Implications

Financial

2.1 No financial implications for this consultation exercise.

Workforce

2.2 No workforce implications for this consultation exercise.

Asset Management (land, property, IT)

2.3 No asset management implications for this consultation exercise.

3. Assessments

Equality Impact Assessment

- 3.1 Under the Equality Act 2010, the Council is required to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations between equality groups. Carrying out Equality Impact Assessments for plans and policies allows the Council to demonstrate that it is meeting these duties.

Strategic Environmental Assessment

- 3.2 The Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 places a duty on the Council to identify and assess the environmental consequences of its proposals.

Sustainability

- 3.3 Under the provisions of the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003 the Council has to discharge its duties in a way which contributes to the achievement of sustainable development. Under the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 the Council also has a duty relating to climate change and, in exercising its functions must act:

- in the way best calculated to delivery of the Act's emissions reduction targets;
- in the way best calculated to deliver any statutory adaptation programmes; and
- in a way that it considers most sustainable.

Legal and Governance

- 3.4 There are no Legal and Governance implications as a result of this consultation response.

Risk

- 3.5 There are no significant risks associated with the responses to this consultation response.

4. Consultation

Internal

- 4.1 The Depute Chief Executive has been consulted in the preparation of this report.

External

- 4.2 Not applicable.

5. Communication

5.1 Not applicable.

2. BACKGROUND PAPERS

2.1 *National Transport Strategy – Protecting Our Climate and improving Lives, Draft for Consultation* (Transport Scotland, July 2019)
<https://www.transport.gov.scot/media/45149/national-transport-strategy-draft-for-consultation-july-2019.pdf>

2.2 *National Transport Strategy 2 - Draft for Consultation, Strategic Environmental Assessment Environmental Report* (Scottish Government, July 2019)
https://consult.gov.scot/transport-scotland/national-transport-strategy/user_uploads/environmental-report-290720191008f.pdf

3. APPENDICES

3.1 Appendix 1 – National Transport Strategy Replies.