



To: GREENER RENFREWSHIRE THEMATIC BOARD

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Report by:

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**GREENER TRANSPORT SUB GROUP
MINUTES OF MEETING OF 9 FEBRUARY 2016**

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report provides details of the meeting of the Greener Transport sub group which took place on 9 February 2016. The minute of the meeting is attached as an appendix to this report.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Board notes the content of the appendix to this report.

3. Background

- 3.1 To ensure the main aims, objectives and priorities of the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board are achieved, it was agreed to create sub groups to focus on the four workstreams of the Board: Greener Communities; Greener Transport; Greener Housing; and Carbon Management and Waste Reduction.

- 3.2 The Greener Transport sub-group was established in 2015 led by Ross Nimmo of Glasgow Airport and assisted by Scott Allan, Head of Amenity Services at Renfrewshire Council (delegated to Mark Higginbotham, Development Manager, Renfrewshire Council). The first meeting of the group was held in May 2015 when it was agreed that the purpose of the group was to come together to ensure the community planning partners and community groups work in collaboration, ensuring improved communication and information sharing takes place to help achieve the priority outcomes and impact measures of the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board.

4. Community Involvement/Engagement

- 4.1 The community groups which are represented at the Greener Transport sub-group are: Renfrewshire Council; Glasgow Airport; SPT; UWS; SUSTRANS; NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde; West College Scotland; Scotrail; and INTU Braehead. Invitations will be submitted to other community representatives when appropriate to the agenda.

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Appendix 1

**RENFREWSHIRE COMMUNITY PLANNING
PARTNERSHIP MINUTE OF THE MEETING OF
GREENER RENFREWSHIRE THEMATIC BOARD
GREENER TRANSPORT SUB-GROUP
HELD ON 9th FEBRUARY 2016
RENFREWSHIRE HOUSE, COTTON STREET,
PAISLEY**

IN ATTENDANCE

Ross Nimmo (Glasgow Airport); Desmond Bradley, Scotrail; Shona Rawlings, Sustrans; Lee Duncan, West College Scotland; Katharine Brough (NHS); Gareth Evans (INTU); David Burnie, Alastair Scott, Mark Higginbotham, Kate Cuthbert, Colin Hunter, Jean Brown, all Renfrewshire Council.

APOLOGIES

John Binning, SPT; Claire Roxburgh, UWS; John Melrose (W H Malcolm); Elaine Lorimer, Renfrewshire Council

1	<p>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</p> <p>There was submitted the minute of the meeting of the Greener Transport sub-group held on 15th December 2015.</p> <p>DECIDED: That the minute be approved.</p>	<p>Agreed</p>
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2	<p>FEEDBACK FROM GREENER RENFREWSHIRE THEMATIC BOARD (01-02-16)</p> <p>A summary of the last Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board meeting was submitted.</p> <p>MH summarised the content of the presentation he had delivered covering Active Travel Plans Across Renfrewshire. He noted that there is a lot of good work going on in relation to promoting active travel within the council, other public bodies and commercial organisations across Renfrewshire but it was identified that there is a need to co-ordinate this work and share: priorities; best practice; knowledge of funding streams; match funding etc. JB confirmed that the council's new Policy and Commissioning team had been approached to ask if they could provide resources to carry out this strategic co-ordinating role and they were hopeful that this may be possible.</p> <p>Another priority which was identified was the importance of encouraging children to walk and cycle to school at a young age, hopefully instilling good practice which they will carry on into adulthood. It was suggested that a representative from Renfrewshire Leisure be invited to join the group as they now have the responsibility for Active Schools' co-ordinators, including Bikeability training for Renfrewshire's schools.</p> <p>John Binning of SPT also delivered a report on low carbon and electric vehicles. It was noted that SPT are holding a meeting in March in relation to electric vehicle charging points, with representatives from Transport Scotland in attendance. DB confirmed he will attend.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>JB</p> <p>JB</p> <p>DB</p>
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3	<p>PARTNER UPDATES</p> <p>Scotrail DB, Scotrail's Transport Integration Manager, delivered a presentation on Scotrail's Transport Integration Plans, following Abellio's takeover of the franchise in April 2015. Some of the key points include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The provision of an additional 3,500 cycle parking spaces across the Scotrail network;• Improved wayfinding signage at 10 stations (Gilmour Street is included here);• Installation of electric vehicle charging points in at least 50 stations (these are yet to be specified);• Creation of Station Travel Plans in at least 30 stations (yet to be specified);• Bike and Go cycle hire schemes in at least 10 stations (already in place at Stirling and Haymarket but Gilmour Street could be a possibility here) <p>DB confirmed it is hoped to bring some of these benefits to Paisley Gilmour Street, Johnstone and Bishopton stations although there is no specific commitment at the moment. Issues with land ownership around Gilmour Street have, however, been identified. DB will continue to engage with the group providing updates on Scotrail's plans, as they progress. It was noted that some of the plans may align with the Paisley 2021 Bid.</p> <p>Air Quality CH confirmed that an action plan is being developed over the coming year to help improve air quality within Renfrewshire, targeting the areas in Paisley Town Centre, Johnstone, Renfrew and the M8 corridor between Braehead and the Airport. As CO2 emissions from traffic are a major cause of air pollution, it is important that priorities are focused on encouraging people to use more sustainable forms of transport than private cars. It is hoped that the travel initiatives being promoted through this group can help in the improvement of air quality.</p> <p>Renfrewshire Outdoor Access Strategy KC advised that the Renfrewshire Outdoor Access Strategy is out for consultation until 12th March 2016 and is available on both Renfrewshire Council and the Renfrewshire 2023 website. KC confirmed that it would be useful if external organisations could include details of any strategies they have in place, within the comments section of the consultation.</p> <p>KC also confirmed that a joint funding application with Renfrewshire Council and Glasgow Airport is to be submitted to Sustrans this week to improve active travel infrastructure in the grounds of the Airport. RN confirmed that this is an example of good practice from the group.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
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	<p>Renfrewshire Cycling Strategy AS confirmed that final changes are being made to the Cycling Strategy prior to submission to Board. These changes include the addition of detailed GIS mapping to make it easier to identify the routes. JB confirmed this would be published on the Renfrewshire 2023 website as soon as it is approved.</p> <p>West College Scotland LD confirmed that West College Scotland are currently trialling a strategy to encourage more cycling at the Clydebank Campus. If successful, it is hoped to roll this out to the Paisley and Greenock campuses. It was noted the plans to improve the cycling infrastructure in Paisley should help the college achieve these aims. LD asked that the plans for a new off road cycling route on Renfrew Road in Paisley include access into the college. It was also noted that the N7 cycle route has direct access to the college's Mile End campus.</p> <p>Bishopton-Airport-Paisley Cycle Link MH confirmed that the council was unsuccessful in obtaining the Sustrans funding to establish the infrastructure link from the new development in Bishopton through Inchinnan to the airport and onwards to Paisley. Sustrans have suggested that the council could apply for Community Links funding for this project. AS confirmed the application for this will be submitted by Friday 12th February.</p> <p>INTU Braehead GE confirmed he is keen to engage with the group and create links with Renfrewshire Council, Sustrans and Cycling Scotland. INTU hope to improve cycle access and bus links to Braehead, especially to the Soar centre, and to work with other organisations in applying for match funding to achieve these priorities. INTU is also aware that Braehead generates a lot of traffic and, as a result, contributes to the air quality issues around the M8 corridor.</p> <p>Glasgow Airport RN confirmed the success of the collaboration work with Renfrewshire council and Sustrans re the active travel infrastructure within the airport. The Glasgow Airport Transport Surface Access Strategy, which was published in 2009, is being updated and refreshed during 2016. RN also confirmed that design work is ongoing for the City Deal project to provide a rail link from Glasgow Central to the airport.</p>	<p>JB</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
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	<p>Electric Vehicles</p> <p>DB confirmed that he is attending a meeting next week to confirm if any funding is available for further electric vehicle purchases in 2016/17 but this seems unlikely as Transport Scotland have confirmed the council is not eligible for funding this year.</p> <p>DB confirmed he had met with APT Technologies, a provider of electric vehicle charging points, and detailed some of the issues which exist in the different types of charging points which are available. APT suggest that organisations should install one charging point for every electric vehicle they have. This ratio would mean that Renfrewshire Council would not have sufficient infrastructure to carry out any light vehicle conversions to electricity.</p> <p>DB confirmed that a GreenFleet Scotland event is being held at Ingliston in Edinburgh on 15th April 2016 – JB to share details of this event with the group.</p> <p>SUSTRANS</p> <p>SR advised that SUSTRANS are publishing a Regional Cycling Strategy which should be available in May/June 2016.</p> <p>Monitoring and research is ongoing on the N7 and N75 cycle routes with focus groups planned with schools.</p> <p>NHS GG&C</p> <p>KB detailed some of the work which is ongoing at NHS GG&C in respect of sustainable travel including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint working arrangements in place with SUSTRANS; Stagecoach; Scotrail; McGills • Smarter Choices Smarter Places funding being used to promote interchange areas; • A staff Journeyshare scheme is in place with 1,500 members. This is currently being refreshed at RAH; • McGills providing staff information sessions and some discounted ticket schemes; <p>KB confirmed that she would appreciate a chance to see Renfrewshire Council's draft Cycling Strategy.</p> <p>KB agreed to meet MH to discuss the Board's process in producing a staff travel plan.</p>	<p>JB</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>AS</p> <p>MH</p>
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