

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DEVELOPMENT & PROPERTY SERVICES COMMITTEE – 28 JUNE 2005

WESTRANS JOINT TRANSPORT STRATEGY

Report by Executive Director of Development and Property Services

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

To request the Committee to approve the WESTRANS Joint Transport Strategy: 'A Joint Transport Strategy for Western Scotland to 2025'. (Draft Revised Strategy – 29 April 2005)

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1** At its meeting on 4 May 2004, the Committee noted that the WESTRANS Draft Joint Transport Strategy (JTS) was out for consultation. The Committee was advised that the WESTRANS JTS will be the basis for future strategic transportation decisions concerning the West of Scotland. It will also be the framework for the constituent members' own Local Transport Strategies, which will deal with more local issues.

The Transport (Scotland) Bill proposes that WESTRANS and SPT come together and form a new statutory Regional Transport Partnership for the West of Scotland and that a statutory regional transport strategy should be produced.

3. 'A Joint Transport Strategy for Western Scotland to 2025' (The WESTRANS JTS)

Members representatives and senior officers of the Roads and Transportation Division have been fully involved in the drafting of the WESTRANS JTS. The Draft Revised Strategy (29 April 2005) was the culmination of an extensive consultation exercise both within the constituent member authorities and the wider community. Issues raised during the consultation have been taken into account in the revised strategy document.

The strategy will continue to evolve as the prevailing circumstances require.

A copy of the strategy was placed in the Members' Lounge on 14 June.

4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

A joint transport strategy for the West of Scotland is part of the Government's strategy for delivering strategic integrated transport in Scotland.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The WESTRANS JTS will inform Government decisions on the future funding of strategic level transport schemes in the West of Scotland.

6. LEGAL

None arising from this report.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is recommended to approve the WESTRANS JTS: "A Joint Transport Strategy for Western Scotland to 2025". (Draft Revised Strategy – 29 April 2005)

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

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