

**THE MORAY COUNCIL  
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

**MES TRANSPORTATION GROUP**

**Date:** Monday 22 August 2016, 9am

**Location:** Meeting Room 5, Moray Council Annexe

**ATTENDEES:**

S Cooper, Head of Direct Services (SC)

N Moss, Transportation Manager (NM)

M McLennan, Moray Chamber of Commerce (MM)

R Robertson, Director Hitrans (RR)

S Hutcheon, Head of Regional Development HIE (SH)

**APOLOGIES:**

Cllr G Leadbitter (GL)

<b>Item</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Action</b>
1.0	<b>Introductions and Apologies</b>	
1.1	Apologies from Cllr Leadbitter.	
2.0	<b>Minute of last meeting: 27 May 2016</b>	
2.1	Marjorie MacLennan (MM) is stepping down as Executive Director of Moray Chamber of Commerce but will remain a Board Member. MM has agreed to stay on the MES Transportation Group for the foreseeable future.	
2.2	MM has not had a chance to speak to Fiona Bruce about taking on the MES Business Rep role but understands she is not able to take on the opportunity. MM agreed to discuss representation with MacPhersons.	<b>MM</b>
2.3	A presentation to Moray Council and MEP Members following the MEP meeting on 15 September (but to be held in Elgin in the afternoon) would be welcome if ScotRail can attend. RR to contact Scott Prentice of ScotRail on 22 August.	<b>RR</b>
2.4	A discussion followed on from the previous meeting discussion on promoting Moray Harbours as yacht destinations. MM to ask Laurie to look at SC's proposal for a joint marketing initiative with Aberdeenshire.	<b>MM</b>
3.0	<b>A96 Dualling (Economic Appraisal)</b>	
3.1	SC reported on recent meeting with Transport Scotland where the timescales for the design phase were outlined. An initial public workshop is planned for early October and this will be a series of events across Moray. Moray Council will probably not take a significant influencing role on the process although they will engage on a technical basis.	
4.0	<b>Regional Transport Strategy</b>	
4.1	RR updated on the RTS which will be subject to further consultation when it	

	reaches draft stage. NM confirmed that Moray Council responded to the recent Main Issues Report Consultation and were content with the report which Moray Council had input on the development of in any case.	
5.0	<b>Project Updates</b>	
5.1	NM reported on Dial M For Moray which is performing well. Stagecoach services and networks are contracting and it is important that Dial M can strike a balance with the private sector provision.	
5.2	NM reported on public transport integration with the issues of how this works in Elgin being a concern emerging from the Elgin transport strategy.	
5.3	RR updated that HITRANS recently met with ScotRail and agreed that in addition to ScotRail's planned new CIS at Elgin Station and HITRANS new CIS screen at the Bus Station funding of £10k would be allowed for a new screen at St Giles Centre and Wayfinding. The total value of this project would be £20k. NM to contact Frank Roach to understand how this can be addressed in Elgin.	<b>NM</b>
5.4	MM to speak to Jill Neill about the feasibility of getting a real time display installed at the St Giles Centre.	<b>MM</b>
5.5	MM updated on the Inverness – Aberdeen line including the required closures during the works.	<b>MM</b>
5.6	MM commented that the enhanced frequency is very welcome but this will have consequences for the Wards Road level crossing and resultant traffic impacts.	
5.7	NM updated on the car parking strategy that will include tour coach parking.	
5.8	SC updated that the A95 Lobbying Campaign is still being progressed with input primarily through MEP. RR to speak to Stuart Black to see if Highland Council can become directly involved in supporting engagement on the A95 with Transport Scotland.	<b>RR</b>
5.9	SC updated on Harbour Developments and there continues to be a focus on Buckie. Short term if BOWL would commit to Buckie on a 10 berth basis this would be a strong start.	
5.10	NM updated that a useful workshop has now been held on Harbour Development Plans.	
5.11	SC updated that in the short term lorry parking will continue at Lossie Green. The only significant progress anticipated is linked to A96 dualling.	
6.0	<b>Elgin Transport Strategy</b>	
6.1	NM reported that the Elgin Transport Strategy online survey had 800 responses. This provided useful information and confirmed earlier thinking	

	around the strategy. Objectives include – Accessibility, Mode Share etc. Jacobs are leading the consultancy work. The number of rail crossings within Elgin is a key constraint. The modelling suggests the packaged options will have a strong positive impact on forecast growth to 2030.	
7.0	<b>AOCB</b>	
7.1	SH updated on changes at HIE. David Oxley is now Acting Director of Business Growth.	
7.2	Charlotte Wright is Interim CEO. Rachel Hunter from Shetland is covering both Moray and Shetland Area Manager duties. Andrew Anderson is also scheduled to retire at the end of the financial year. For MEP duties SH and Andrew Anderson will cover these roles.	
8.0	<b>Next Meeting</b>	
8.1	Monday 28 November 2016, 9am – Meeting Room 7, Moray Council Annexe.	<b>ALL</b>