

**THE MORAY COUNCIL  
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

**MES TRANSPORTATION GROUP**

**Date:** Monday 28 November 2016, 9am

**Location:** Meeting Room 7, 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) Cllr G Leadbitter (GL)

**APOLOGIES:**

M Brown, McPhersons (MB)

<b>Item</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Action</b>
1.0	<b>Introductions and Apologies</b>	
1.1	Martin Brown from McPhersons was invited to the meeting but no confirmation received from him. SC to contact Martin to find out if he would like to attend future meetings.	<b>SC</b>
2.0	<b>Minute of last meeting: 22 August 2016</b>	
2.1	A discussion followed on from the previous meeting discussion on promoting Moray Harbours as yacht destinations. MM spoke to Laurie to look at SC's proposal for a joint marketing initiative with Aberdeenshire but there is a big time and money commitment to any proposal. MM agreed to e-mail Laurie and copy NM in as a way of introduction. NM will make contact with Laurie.	<b>MM</b>
2.2	Customer Information Screens (CIS) – RR has spoken to Gill Neill from Elgin BID and Reni Milburn (Principal Officer, Economic Development) about this project and is speaking to Scotrail about funding. Signage will also have to be considered for people who are coming by train so that they are better directed within Elgin.	
3.0	<b>A96 Dualling</b>	
3.1	Transport Scotland recently held 'meet the team' events throughout Moray with Community Councils. SC attended the event in Fochabers on 16 November 2016. Transport Scotland will continue to engage with the forums during the design and assessment process.	
4.0	<b>Regional Transport Strategy</b>	
4.1	RR provided the attached update note on the RTS. Advised that the strategy will be subject to an 8 week consultation from February 2017. Following local government elections in May 2017 the final strategy will be approved by the new board. RR confirmed that the A96 is part of the	

	strategy but a proposed route is not.	
4.2	GL asked about active travel and asked whether we should be considering doing some work with Sustrans to make sure connectivity is considered with existing routes. SC asked NM to share our active travel strategy that was recently approved at Committee with Transport Scotland.	<b>NM</b>
4.3	It was agreed to use the next meeting of this group to look at the RTS in more depth.	
5.0	<b>Project Updates</b>	
5.1	NM reported that Dial M is performing well. NM and RR are working on a funding application to access European funding to progress technology for bookings. Also discussed was an O licence for dial a bus and the likes of smartphone apps, branding and marketing.	
6.0	<b>Elgin Transport Strategy</b>	
6.1	A discussion was held about the upcoming Elgin Transport Strategy that will go to Full Council Committee on 7.12.16. NM circulated the Appendix for discussion.	
7.0	<b>AOCB</b>	
7.1	Harbour Fees – a report was approved at Economic Development and Infrastructure Services Committee 15.11.16 and Audit and Scrutiny Committee 22.11.16 to increase leisure and commercial charges in Council owned harbours.	
7.2	Dalcross Station – RR said that half of the funding required was in place.	
7.3	Moray Business Week – business breakfasts were held at Horizon Scotland as part of Moray business week. SH and NM attended.	
7.4	Abellio – discussion was held about the state of current rail services. RR said that it would be 2019 before any new carriages came to Scotland.	
7.5	RR said that hitrans will be holding a rail stakeholder event on 16 December 2016.	
8.0	<b>Next Meeting</b>	
8.1	Monday 20 February 2017, 9am. RTS meeting. Venue – TBC.	<b>ALL</b>
8.2	<b>Future Meetings:</b>  22 May 2017, 9am. Venue – TBC 21 August 2017, 9am. Venue – TBC 20 November 2017, 9am. Venue - TBC	<b>ALL</b>