

PARTNERSHIP BOARD MEETING
1ST SEPTEMBER 2006

**Held in the SESTRAN Offices, First floor, 8b McDonald Road,
Edinburgh**

Present	
Charles Anderson	Non-Councillor Member
Cllr Carol Bartholomew	West Lothian Council
Graham Bell	Non-Councillor Member
Cllr David Bryson	Falkirk Council
Cllr Neil Calvert	Scottish Borders Council
Cllr Maureen Child	City of Edinburgh Council
Cllr Gordon Edgar	Scottish Borders Council
Phil Flanders	Non-Councillor Member
Cllr Russell Imrie (Chair)	Midlothian Council
Cllr Allan Jackson	City of Edinburgh Council
Cllr Dave King	West Lothian Council
Cllr Harry McLaren	Clackmannanshire Council (Deputy for Cllr Carrick)
Cllr Lawrence Marshall	City of Edinburgh Council
Cllr Antony Martin	Fife Council
John Martin	Non-Councillor Member
Cllr George Matchett	Clackmannanshire Council
Cllr Jim Philp	Fife Council
Sandy Scotland	Non-Councillor Member
Cllr Robert Spears	Falkirk Council
Cllr Phil Wheeler	City of Edinburgh Council
In Attendance	
John Angell	Falkirk Council
Alistair Clyne	Fife Council
Kevin Collins	Falkirk Council
Lesley Deans	Clackmannanshire Council
Natasha Farrell	Scottish Executive
Andrew Ferguson	Fife Council, Legal Advisor to SESTRAN
Jane Findlay	Fife Council
Keith Gowenlock	WSP Consultants (For Workshop)
Trond Haugen	SESTRAN Co-ordinator
Paul Ince	East Lothian Council
Graham Johnstone	Scottish Borders Council
Ewan Kennedy	City of Edinburgh Council
Scott Leitham	MVA Consultants (For Workshop)
Graeme Malcolm	West Lothian Council
Douglas Muir	Midlothian Council
Phil Noble	City of Edinburgh Council

David Peace	CDU Limited (Secretariat)
Dr Tom Rye	MVA Consultants (For Workshop)
Phil Say	Natural Capital (For Workshop)
Roger Stewart	CDU Limited (Clerk)
Mac West	Clackmannanshire Council
Stuart Wilson	WSP Consultants (For Workshop)
Lesley Wimberley	CDU Limited (Secretariat)
Brian Young	Scottish Borders Council

WORKSHOP

The workshop was convened to allow the Members of SESTRAN and their advisors to discuss the draft Options Report and Draft Policies for the SESTRAN Statutory Regional Transport Strategy (RTS).

Mr Alistair Clyne, Fife Council, introduced the workshop and the speakers.

First speaker was Mr Scott Leitham, MVA Consultancy, who spoke to the circulated presentation slides giving a brief history of how the RTS had progressed to the current state and where the Draft Options Report sat in relation to the development of the final draft RTS.

During the following discussion questions were raised regarding interaction with Health Boards, how well STAG was able to work with Strategies rather than projects, the interaction of the RTS with Land Use Planning, a concern over the separation of economic and environmental aims and whether the data used in arriving at the proposed options was able to reflect future travel to work patterns.

In response to these respective questions the consultants reported that;

- The Health Boards were to be represented on the Partnership Board, but would also have a duty to consult with the RTP and vice versa.
- STAG was originally designed to work for strategies, but it was admitted that it had not been fully used for any strategy to date.
- The RTS had to take account of all published and draft Structure Plans, LTS's, etc in the region and the developing NTS. Thus it was deemed that the RTS would interlink as much as possible with current Land Use Planning.
- It was reported that the four proposed main aims of the RTS had all come out very equal in importance from the stakeholders consultation to date, so to raise the environment above the others would go against the feedback. However, it was recognised that there could not be a separation of the environment from the economy and that environmental concerns were to be embedded in the RTS throughout.
- Future proofing was accepted as very hard to accurately achieve, but the data used had been matched to the official future forecasts as these were the best currently available.

Mr Clyne then introduced Dr Tom Rye who spoke to the circulated presentation slides on the draft Policies prepared for discussion.

Several amendments to the draft policies were accepted including;

- Policy E3 was to be moved to E1 and the whole policy document was to be renumbered to reflect general polices appearing before specific policies.
- Policy A2 was to be strengthened to reflect more emphasis on peripherality.
- Policy S2 was to have the word “especially” inserted to read “and that facilitate independent travel, especially for children.”
- Policy A9 to have added in “Health Boards should play their part in funding of access to health facilities.”
- Policy A6, should read “...at major employment centres and essential service centres (eg hospitals,....)”
- Policy A6 should also highlight leisure and recreation facilities as trip generators.
- Policy E6 was to be reworded to reinforce that the framework parking standards were to be applied across the region only where developments were similar, ie, Edinburgh City Centre standards would not be applied in rural settings.
- A discussion took place on consistency of the policies over the four policy areas (economy, accessibility, environment and safety and health). Currently there were 15 proposed policies under economy, 10 under accessibility, 4 under environment and 5 under safety and health. It was agreed that amore consistent approach should be adopted and further policies would be drafted to help equate the perception of priority to economy and accessibility.
- An extra policy was agreed to highlight the issue of affordability. Wording along the lines of “SESTRAN will seek to intervene where affordability is recognised by the Partnership to be a barrier to the use of public transport” was agreed.

Special Meeting of the SESTRAN Partnership to Approve the Draft Options Report and Draft Policies for the RTS

Attendance was the same as for the Workshop prior to this meeting

1. Order of Business

The order of business was as set out in the Agenda.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from:

Alex Macaulay, Jim McFarlane, Neil Renilson, Cllr Hampshire, Cllr Muirhead, Cllr Matchett and Cllr McLaren

3. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Wheeler declared an interest as a director of **tie** Limited.

4. RTS Options Report

Mr Clyne spoke to the circulated paper. The Partnership approved the recommendations namely

- To approve the Options Report as circulated
- Agree that consultation with Key Stakeholders can commence on the Options Report to assist with the development of the draft Regional Transport Strategy
- To approve the draft Policies as circulated and amended at the Workshop session earlier today.

5. Date of Next Partnership Meeting

The next Partnership meeting was scheduled for 20 October 2006, but, as had been previously reported to the Partnership, the date may be moved in order to accommodate the Minister's diary. It was reported that the date might now be Tuesday 24 October, but this was to be confirmed with the Minister's office.