

**Local Transport Strategy
2007 - 2010**



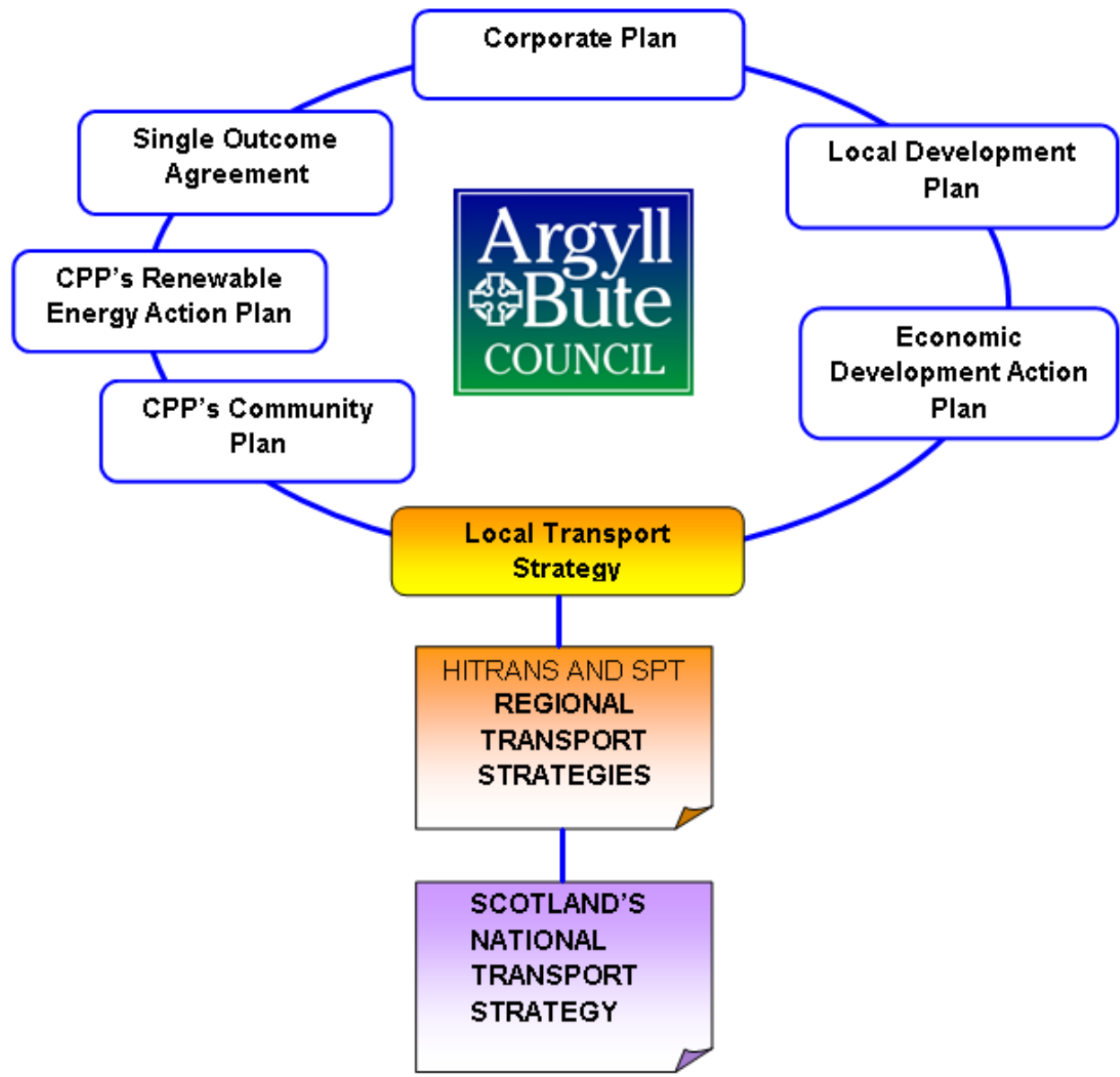
**MOVING
FORWARD**



Background

- The LTS sets out plans and policies for transport in Argyll and Bute and an indication as to our future transport aspirations.
- It is a non-statutory document that generally covers a three year period.
- The Council's current LTS 'Moving Forward' covers the period 2007 – 2010 and builds on the success of the previous strategy 'Access The Future'.
- Economy, Integration, Environment, Accessibility and Safety are key elements of the LTS.





Visions & Objectives

Vision - “Enable a vibrant Argyll & Bute”

Objectives - developed to help achieve the vision.

- Encourage growing and sustainable economy in Argyll and Bute;
- Improve peoples transport experience;
- Manage effect of transport on Argyll & Bute’s rich natural environment;
- Improve accessibility for all our communities;
- Improve journey safety and personal security for everyone in Argyll & Bute.



Action Plan



Action Plan Themes

1. Infrastructure
2. Passenger Transport
3. Freight Transport
4. Sea Transport
5. Active Travel
6. Safety

Benefits of LTS

- A clear statement of transport policy within ABC;
- Opportunity to raise local issues and to state strategic priorities for the authority;
- Reflects national / regional transport policy (NTS,RTS);
- Aligns Transport Planning with development planning, community planning, SOA;
- Supports funding bids for transportation projects;
- A detailed implementation plan for the policies and interventions identified in the strategy.

Requirement for Update

- There are number of recent major local policy developments and projects that the Council's approach to transport provision and policy needs to recognise:-
 - The new Economic Development Action Plan;
 - The forthcoming CPP's Renewable Energy Action Plan;
 - The work of the new Local Development Plan;
 - The CHORD investments;

Targets & Performance

- Prior to developing a new LTS we need to assess how successful we have been in achieving the objectives set out in the current strategy.
- Targets in the current LTS action plan estimated over 3 timeframes:-

Short term – 2007 – 2010

Medium term – 2010 – 2015

Long term – 2015 – 2025

Objective

- Improve journey safety and personal security for everyone in Argyll and Bute.

Indicator	Data source	Baseline (Year)	Desired effect:	Targets	Performance to date (2009)
			Increase ↑ Decrease ↓ Other *		
Fatal and serious casualties	Strathclyde Police	174 (1994 – 1998 ave.)	↓	↓40% (by 2010)	76 ↓ (56%)
Slight Injury casualties.	Strathclyde Police	380 (1994 – 1998 ave.)	↓	↓10% (by 2010)	308 ↓ (19%)
Child Killed or Seriously Injured.	Strathclyde Police	20.8 (1994 – 1998 ave.)	↓	↓50% (by 2010)	5 ↓ (76%)

SPT Guidance on LTS

- Scottish Government previously produced an LTS guidance note in 2005 however, they do not intend to produce further updates to this guidance.
- Discussed at SPT/Councils Liaison Group
- Agreed to prepare a review of current member Council LTSs and recommendations for potential draft Guidance
- Strong support from member Councils for renewed LTSs: Policy Links; Local Emphasis; Delivery Plan
- Following review a Sub-group set up to prepare draft Guidance

- Draft Guidance prepared and being reviewed by Sub-group
- SPT/Councils Liaison Group will consider draft Guidance
- Draft Guidance will be forwarded to Scottish Govt. Transport Directorate
- Report prepared for SPT Partnership
- Consultation with COSLA, SCOTS, Council Chief Executives

Summary

- LTS is a none statutory document however, it is considered beneficial.
- ABC's current LTS is recognised as being thorough document, consistent with best practise and a model to other Local Authorities.
- There is a requirement to update ABC's LTS to take account of recent policy developments / projects.
- Initial indications suggest ABC are performing well against targets set in their current LTS.
- ABC are awaiting the release of SPT's finalised guidance and the renewal of the NTS prior to progressing the LTS refresh.