

Item

ARGYLL AND BUTE COMMUNITY PLANNING

Partnership Meeting

ARGYLL AND BUTE TRANSPORT OUTCOMES REPORT FOR 2013/14

1 Introduction

1.1 This report will:

- inform the Helensburgh and Lomond Local Area Committee of the preparation by SPT of the Argyll and Bute Transport Outcome Report (TOR);
- highlight the contribution which TORs make to the Community Planning Partnership's (CPPs) Single Outcome Agreement (SOA); and
- highlight the focus given within the TOR to the services and benefits that SPT has delivered in 2012/13 together with details of the key deliverables and areas of partnership working for 2013/14.

2 Background

2.1 SPT has prepared TORs annually since 2008 as a means of demonstrating our commitment and contribution as a Community Planning partner to each council area through the delivery of key services, projects and initiatives.

2.2 Specifically, the TORs identify the links between SPT activity and CPPs local outcomes as identified in the SOAs, detail the previous year's services and projects delivered by SPT, and set out the plans for the year ahead. The key projects and areas for partnership working are also highlighted

2.3 The TORs provide a comprehensive overview of the wide range SPT's activities, including:

- services that SPT directly operate and/or manage such as subsidised and demand responsive bus services, the Subway, bus stations, and project delivery;
- services undertaken on an agency/administrative basis such as school transport contracts, bus shelter maintenance, the Strathclyde Concessionary Travel Scheme and Zonecard; and
- strategic activities such as our statutory regional transport planning function, community transport, travel planning, policy development and responding to consultations.

3 Format

- 3.1 The TORs for 2013/14 clearly connect SPT's services, projects and activities to CPPs local outcomes and explain how SPT's work is relevant to achieving these outcomes. Additionally, the reports provide a summary of SPT services, projects and key areas for partnership working that have been undertaken over the past year and that will be taken forward in the year ahead.
- 3.2 The TOR is structure so as to highlight the role of transport in achieving positive outcomes at the local level:
- *Introduction* – summarises the role of transport in achieving social, economic and environmental outcomes; highlights SPT's role in community planning; introduces the key deliverables and areas of partnership working for the year ahead; and identifies the relevant local outcomes;
 - *2012/13 Overview* - summarises the services delivered in 2012/13;
 - *Key services* - summarises the key services in the area, relevant local outcomes for each service, previous year's results and plans for the year ahead;
 - *Key projects* – summarises the key projects in the area, relevant local outcomes for each project, previous year's deliverables and plans for the year ahead;
 - *Key strategy and planning support* – summarises the key strategy and planning work streams in the area, relevant local outcomes for each work stream, previous year's progress and plans for the year ahead;
 - *Appendix 1* – provides further details of SPT activities and services within the area;
 - *Appendix 2* – summarises the key connections between local outcomes and SPT activities; and
 - *Back cover* – provides key contacts regarding information about public transport services in the area.

4 Local outcomes for Argyll and Bute

- 4.1 SPT supports the realisation of local outcomes for Argyll and Bute residents. The TOR describes SPT's activities and services that affect Argyll and Bute and how these support the achievement of the local outcomes in the Single Outcome Agreement. Specifically, transport makes the greatest contribution to achieving the following local outcomes:
- We have the infrastructure and assets to make Argyll and Bute an attractive choice to do business, live and visit;
 - Thriving and sustainable communities;
 - People live active, healthier and independent lives and are safe from harm; and
 - The impact of inequalities on people and communities is reduced making Argyll and Bute a fairer place.

5 Key deliverables and areas of partnership working

- 5.1 The transport challenges for Argyll and Bute include improving sustainable access to services and jobs for rural areas and deprived communities; improving journey times on strategic roads to support businesses; providing sustainable travel options for commuters to retain and grow the resident population; and planning for the transport needs of an ageing population.
- 5.2 SPT's activities and services assist in addressing these challenges and support the realisation of the local outcomes.
- 5.3 Key deliverables and areas of partnership working in Argyll and Bute that will assist in addressing these challenges and support the realisation of the local outcomes are as follows:
 - Enhancing the strategic road network in partnership with Argyll and Bute Council and HITRANS - seeking improvements to the A82 and A83 corridors;
 - Supporting the provision of Helensburgh town centre transport improvements;
 - Delivering bus infrastructure upgrades in the Helensburgh area;
 - Supporting the development of Helensburgh and Lomond Cycleways; and
 - Supporting the development of Helensburgh Park and Ride.

6 Conclusion

- 6.1 The TOR provides highlights the role of transport in achieving positive outcomes at the local level while providing a summary services and projects delivered by SPT in the Argyll and Bute area along with quantified benefits. In addition, the annual review of performance on priority issues ensures SPT remains responsive to the requirements of the CPP.
- 6.2 It sets out progress on a range of jointly agreed priorities in Argyll and Bute.
- 6.3 Finally, TORs demonstrate the regional benefits which SPT brings to transport investment and service provision across our constituent councils

7 Recommendations

It is recommended that the Board:

- (i) Note the contents of the report

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