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| To: PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE | Subject: WESTRANS JOINT TRANSPORT STRATEGY | |
| From: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT | | |
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1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report seeks Committee approval of the Joint Transport Strategy for Western Scotland to 2025.

2. Background

- 2.1 In May 2004 Committee were informed of the development of a Draft Joint Transport Strategy for the west of Scotland covering the period to 2025. It was noted that the strategy was being developed jointly by WESTRANS and SPT and that it would be the basis of allocations of funding from the Scottish Executive in future years.
- 2.2 The draft document was subsequently published and extensive public consultation undertaken.
- 2.3 Following this consultation and review by the WESTRANS management group the Consultative Draft Joint Transport Strategy (JTS) has been amended to take account of the comments of consultees including all the Council's.

3. Comment

- 3.1 The Strategy's Vision is 'to invest in and maintain the best possible sustainable transport system for Western Scotland that supports the economy, promotes social inclusion and enhances the environment for the people who live, work visit and enjoy the region.'
- 3.2 The Strategy,
- sets out a 20 year integrated development and transport framework that will achieve sustainable economic growth and social justice in Western Scotland
 - aims to achieve a sustained shift in mode of travel from private car to public transport in order to reduce congestion, improve journey time reliability, assist freight and improve the negative environmental pollution impacts of growing traffic volumes
 - prioritises transport management and investment to support economic and social activity, planned development, environmental improvements and to enhance overall regional accessibility
 - incorporates Scottish Executive priorities and programmes with direct relevance to Western Scotland
 - provides a regional context for Local Transport Strategies
 - complements Local Transport Strategies and SPT's Public Transport Strategy

3.3 The Strategy has 8 Objectives which cover the following issues,

- External Connections
- Internal Connections
- Modal Shift
- Demand Management
- Sustainable Development
- Accessibility
- Environment
- Safety

3.4 Within North Lanarkshire the following programmes of action have been identified in the strategy,

- Motherwell Station, transport interchange
- Airdrie – Bathgate railway extension
- Greenfaulds Park and Ride
- A 80 / M80 Auchenkilns
- Interchange improvement strategy
- Park and Ride study
- Mass transit study
- Orbital transport study
- Cumbernauld bus station improvement study
- A8 / M8 – A726 – Raith study
- Cardowan Link road study
- Integrated ticketing strategy
- Public transport information strategy
- Glasgow to Cumbernauld service enhancements
- Caledonian rail line
- Croy station Park and Ride extension
- Cumbernauld and Allandale Park and Ride
- Harthill bus based Park and Ride
- Eurocentral bus based Park and Ride
- Airdrie station Park and Ride
- A8 / M8 upgrade
- A80 / M80 Stepps to Haggs upgrade
- A71 Horsley Brae improvements
- Gartloch Road upgrade
- Kirkintilloch Link Road
- Ravenscraig rail study
- Abronhill / Castlecary rail station study
- Mossend rail freight study
- Glasgow to Whifflet rail improvements (Garngad chord site safeguarded)
- Motherwell to Stirling via Cumbernauld
- Glasgow to Holytown rail service improvements
- A723 Carfin to Holytown dualling
- Forth and Clyde Canal opportunities study
- Wishaw Hospital station

3.5 A copy of the Draft Revised Strategy has been lodged in the Members Library for further information.

4. Corporate Considerations

- 4.1 The JTS will set the regional context for production over the next year of the Council's Local Transport Strategy update.
- 4.2 A review of the Strategy will be carried out by the Western Scotland Regional Transport Partnership when it is established during 2007.

5. Sustainability Implications

- 5.1 The vision for the strategy is to invest in and maintain the best possible sustainable transport system for Western Scotland.

6. Recommendations

- 6.1 It is recommended that Committee:-
 - a) approve the adoption of the Draft Revised Joint Transport Strategy for Western Scotland



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