

Motherwell, 23 October 2006 at 2 pm.

A Special Meeting of the **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

PRESENT

Councillor J. Coyle, Convener; Councillors McKenna and Wilson, Vice-Conveners; Councillors Barrie, Brooks, Hogg, Holloway, Johnston, McGhee, Maginnis and Moran.

ALSO PRESENT

Councillors Goldie, McCulloch, J. Martin, Murray and Robertson.

CHAIR

Councillor J. Coyle (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Chief Committee Services Manager, Head of Roads and Transportation and Traffic and Transportation Team Leader.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Ms. K. Morrison and Mr. A. Priestly, representatives of consultants Steer Davies Gleave.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Burns, Gormill, Higgins, J. McGuigan, W. Martin, Shaw and Smith.

PRESENTATION - PRODUCTION OF NEW LOCAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY DOCUMENT

1. The Convener welcomed those present and invited the Head of Roads and Transportation to open the meeting with a presentation on the development of the Local Transport Strategy document for North Lanarkshire and referred to a report (docketed) which had been prepared by the Director of Planning and Environment on the matter.

The Head of Roads and Transportation (1) referred to issues which required to be considered as part of the review of the Local Transport Strategy for North Lanarkshire; (2) updated the Committee with regard to the issues and objectives facing the Strathclyde Partnership for Transport who are responsible for the development of the Regional Transport Strategy; (3) advised that the consultation process for the Local Transport Strategy would be similar to that of the Regional Transport Strategy; (4) highlighted a number of issues which the Local Transport Strategy document would consider, and (5) recommended appropriate action.

The Committee and Council Members present were then afforded the opportunity to question representatives on various aspects of the presentation.

The Convener then brought the meeting to a conclusion, thanking those present for their contribution to the proceedings.

Decided:

- (1) that the development of the new Local Transport Strategy document in the form and to the timescales set out in the report be approved;

- (2) that it be noted that a further round of consultations would take place following the preparation of the draft Local Transport Strategy document, and
- (3) that it be noted that the Director of Planning and Environment will submit future reports to this Committee providing updates on the development of the Local Transport Strategy document.