
Motherwell, 6 December 2006 at 2 pm.

A Meeting of the **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT (ROADS AND TRANSPORT)
SUB-COMMITTEE**

PRESENT

Councillor Wilson, Convener; Councillors Barrie, Griffin, Hogg, Johnston, Lyle, J. McGuigan, W. Martin and Moran.

CHAIR

Councillor Wilson (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Committee Services Manager, and Head of Roads and Transportation.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Burns, J. Coyle and McKenna.

CONVENER'S REMARKS

The Convener referred to the death of Councillor David McKendrick and, on behalf of the Sub-Committee, paid tribute to him and offered his condolences to his family.

ROADS REVENUE BUDGET - CONTRACTORS LINE AND PROGRESS ON 2006/07 CAPITAL PROGRAMME

1. With reference to paragraph 1 of the Minute of the meeting held on 22 February 2006, there was submitted a report dated 6 December 2006 by the Director of Planning and Environment (1) informing the Sub-Committee (a) of the current level of expenditure of the Roads Revenue Budget - Contractors Line, and (b) of progress within the 2006/07 Capital Programme; (2) detailing the three elements of contractor's expenditure; (3) summarising and containing his observations on the up to date position with regard to the expenditure element, and (4) recommending that the Sub-Committee note the current position with regard to Contractors Line expenditure and the 2006/07 Capital Programme.

Decided:

- (1) that the current position with regard to the Contractors Line expenditure be noted, and
- (2) that the position with regard to the Capital Programme 2006/07 be noted.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN SOFTWARE

2. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 3 May 2006, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 6 December 2006 by the Director of Planning and Environment (1) providing an update on the development of the Council's School Travel Plan software package which had been jointly developed by the Departments of Planning and Environment and Education; (2) outlining the background relative thereto; (3) outlining, in Appendix 1 to the report,

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the schools in North Lanarkshire which had completed the development and implementation of school travel plans; (4) advising that, in October 2006, the software programme was demonstrated to a number of interested local authorities and Sustrans, the group co-ordinating the school travel plan scheme for the Scottish Executive; (5) indicating that, as a result of the interest shown, the software had been offered, free of charge, to those local authorities already using the SEEMIS system, and (6) intimating that, when rolled out, North Lanarkshire Council would be acknowledged as having developed the software and would maintain overall editorial control.

Decided:

- (1) that the initiative and foresight shown by the Departments of Planning and Environment and Education in the development of the School Travel Plan software package be noted;
- (2) that the interest shown by Sustrans other local authorities in the software and the likelihood that it will be used, free of charge, by a number of authorities throughout Scotland, be noted, and
- (3) that it be noted that North Lanarkshire Council would retain editorial control over any future enhancements to the software.

SCHOOL TRAVEL SCHEMES AND MEASURES: PROGRESS REPORT

3. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 3 May 2006, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 6 December 2006 by the Director of Planning and Environment (1) summarising the up to date position regarding the development of School Travel Plans by a number of schools; (2) indicating that, in consultation with various schools, primarily those which had commenced the School Travel Plan process, a number of engineering improvement measures had been identified and schemes developed to alleviate the various concerns raised; (3) containing, in Appendix 1 to the report, the completed school travel plan for Kirk O'Shotts Primary School which summarised the development process and key outcomes; (4) advising of a new walking to school initiative entitled 'Smart Feet' which is aimed at the junior and senior stages of primary school, and (5) providing an update on the Council's 'Park Smart' campaign.

Decided:

- (1) that further reports on the development of the School Travel Plan initiative be submitted, at appropriate intervals, to future meetings of this Sub-Committee, and
- (2) that the report be otherwise noted.

CONSULTATION ON DRAFT ROAD WORKS CO-ORDINATION CODE OF PRACTICE AND DRAFT ROAD WORKS REGULATIONS 2007

4. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 24 November 2006 by the Director of Planning and Environment (1) advising that, as part of the legislative process for the implementation of new regulations and Code of Practice, the Scottish Executive had invited the Council to respond to a web based consultation document on Draft Road Works Co-ordination Code of Practice and Draft Road Works Regulations 2007; (2) intimating that, due to the timescale for submitting comments, he had submitted a response on behalf of the Council, and (3) detailing in the Appendix to the report, the Council's response to the consultation.

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Decided: that the response sent by the Director of Planning and Environment to the Scottish Executive on its consultation on a Draft Co-ordination Code of Practice and Draft Roadworks Regulations 2007 be homologated.

ONE WAY BUS OPERATION IN EAST COLTNESS, WISHAW

5. With reference to paragraph 10 of the Minute of the meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 15 November 2006, there was submitted a report dated 23 November 2006 by the Director of Planning and Environment (1) referring to the petition from residents of Traquair Avenue, Kilmeny Crescent, and North Kilmeny Crescent, East Coltness, Wishaw requesting, that a one way system be introduced for buses on these roads; (2) advising that in response to residents' representations, the Council had previously erected concrete bollards at some junctions in an attempt to protect the footway, but these had subsequently been damaged, and (3) seeking authority for him to contact Strathclyde Partnership for Transport and, if necessary, the Traffic Commissioner to explore the ability and willingness of either body to impose a one way system on the bus services in East Coltness, Wishaw.

Decided:

- (1) that the Director of Planning and Environment be authorised to write to Strathclyde Partnership for Transport and, if necessary, the Traffic Commissioner to explore the ability and willingness of either body to impose a one way system on the bus services in East Coltness, Wishaw, and
- (2) that the report be otherwise noted.

LIFETIME CONTRIBUTION TO SCOTTISH TRANSPORT AWARD

6. There was submitted a report dated 6 December 2006 by the Director of Planning and Environment (1) informing Members that the Lifetime Contribution to Scottish Transport award had been presented to Jim Truscott MBE at the recent Scottish Transport Award ceremony held in Edinburgh on 16 November 2006; (2) advising that Jim had recently retired from the Council after serving over 30 years in the field of road safety, and (3) detailing the significant contributions Jim had made to road safety in this time.

Decided:

- (1) that the contributions to road safety made by retired employee Jim Truscott MBE during his 30 years in local government be noted, and
- (2) that the report be otherwise noted.