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## Report to Partnership Meeting – 1 February 2008

### FINANCE – CAPITAL BUDGET 2007/08

#### Purpose of Report

To provide details of progress made to date on delivering the Partnership's 2007/08 Capital Programme.

#### HITRANS Capital Programme

The Capital budget managed by HITRANS in 2007/08 is split into two programmes. The first programme is the direct RTP Capital Grant to HITRANS of £3,530,227. The then Scottish Executive also transferred responsibility to HITRANS to ensure the delivery of 3 projects whose funding was secured through the Public Transport Fund and had fallen behind their original delivery period.

The two tables below summarise the latest spending position for each programme and this information is expanded in the report.

#### HITRANS Capital Budget Programme

<b>Project</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Claimed</b>
B836 Strategic route from Colintrave to Sandbank	£450,000	£69,926
Hatston Ferry Terminal	£400,000	£400,000
Western Isles Spinal Route	£146,479	£146,479
Inverness Airport Station / Park and Ride (Design)	£20,000	£20,000
Lochmaddy Pier Structure	£215,000	£0
Oban to Connel Cycle Route	£300,000	£0
Port Askaig Ferry Terminal	£300,000	£300,000
Public Transport Network Development Project	£1,619,527	£717,186
Project Management	£80,000	£80,000
	<b>£3,531,006</b>	<b>£1,733,590</b>

#### Public Transport Fund Transfer

<b>Project</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Claimed</b>
Cuan Sound Transport Links	£1,564,000	£0
Inverness City Centre / Invernet	£621,000	£621,000
Lochmaddy Ferry Terminal	£425,000	£0
	<b>£2,610,000</b>	<b>£621,000</b>

## **Cuan Sound Transport Links**

The Cuan Sound Transport Links STAG recommended a fixed link as the best solution for the crossing to the island of Luing. This study was passed by Argyll and Bute Council to Government who in a recent letter to the Council from the Government civil service question the accuracy of aspects of this study and indicate that the Council will have to fully fund any resultant project. With no decision yet agreed on the best way of delivering the lifeline link across the Cuan Sound HITRANS has written to Government asking them what mechanism they intend to use to guarantee the committed Government funding for this project as it is evident that the £1,564,000 granted through the Public Transport Fund cannot be claimed in 2007/08. HITRANS awaits a response.

## **Inverness City Centre and Invernet**

The final grant funding secured by Highland Council through the Public Transport Fund for the Invernet and Inverness City Centre Streetscape programme was allocated to HITRANS as a result of its falling behind the original timetable extension. This grant has now been paid out in full.

## **Lochmaddy Ferry Terminal**

The funding secured by HITRANS in the fourth round of the Public Transport Fund for enhanced facilities at Lochmaddy Ferry Terminal was extended to allow completion within the current financial year.

Difficulties in the post tender period led to the withdrawal of the lowest tender with a subsequent delay in the work going ahead as the Council had to engage the next lowest contractor and there were a number of issues that had to be considered before the contract could be awarded. J.A MacDonald Construction of South Uist commenced on site in January and work is now progressing with completion scheduled for June 2008. In order to claim the full PTF contribution towards this project a claim for this contribution must be submitted against work completed by 31 March 2008. There are additional items in the contract relating to renewable energy systems and we expect the measurement for work completed by 31 March 2008 to enable a full claim to be made for the PTF contribution at this point.

## **Lochmaddy Pier Structural Works**

Some work has now gone ahead on the Lochmaddy Pier structural work and Comhairle Nan Eilean Siar are confident they will draw down HITRANS share of this in full by the end of March 2008. HITRANS agreed to contribute £215,000 on the basis of this amounting to 50% of the total project costs and Comhairle Nan Eilean Siar have programmed works in 2008/09 which will amount to their share.

## **Colintraive to Sandbank Road**

Work on the B836 upgrade is underway and the first measurement of £69,926 has now been claimed. The scheme will be delivered in full by 31 March 2008.

## **Port Askaig Ferry Terminal**

Argyll and Bute Council have confirmed they will fund the third phase of the Port Askaig Ferry Terminal from their own capital budget in 2008/09. This has allowed them to claim HITRANS contribution against phase 2. The full claim has therefore been made.

### **Oban to Connel Ferry Cycle Path**

Issues over land access in the delivery of the Oban to Connel section of the Oban to Fort William Cycle Route have finally been resolved by Argyll and Bute Council. The project will now progress and the full HITRANS grant contribution of £300,000 will be claimed by 31 March 2008.

### **Hatston Ferry Terminal and Pedestrian / Cycle Path**

HITRANS £400,000 contribution towards the Terminal Building extension and pedestrian / cycle path for Hatston Ferry Terminal has now been claimed on the basis of work now completed.

### **Western Isles Spinal Route**

The uncertainty over whether HITRANS would receive any capital grant in 2008/09 meant we had to postpone the first phase of the Inverness Airport Park and Ride site which was scheduled for delivery by July 2008. As a result of this change the Partnership agreed at the meeting in Rothesay on 30 November 2007 to offer funding to Comhairle Nan Eilean Siar to assist with a significant cost overrun on the Western Isles Spinal Route schemes recently completed in Harris and North Uist. A grant claim of £146,479 has now been made in relation to this scheme.

### **Project Management**

The fee allocated against staff time in HITRANS and HRP for management of the Capital Programme has been claimed in full and amounts to £80,000.

### **Public Transport Network Development Programme**

The Public Transport Network Development Programme represents a continuation of the projects delivered by the voluntary partnership since 2002.

Funding is split into six schemes plus project management costs. A summary of these schemes is listed below and a detailed project description has been attached to the report as background information.

<b>Public Transport Projects</b>	<b>Total Funding Allocation</b>	<b>Grant Claims to Date</b>
Airport Infrastructure Improvements Scheme	£50,000	£50,000
Accessible Bus Scheme	£427,000	£217,000
Bus Service Infrastructure and Information Project	£771,191	£342,419
Cycling and Walking Scheme	£25,000	£0
Ferry Terminal Facilities Scheme	£171,336	£85,801
Rail Station Facilities Scheme	£175,000	£21,965
	<b>£1,619,527</b>	<b>£717,186</b>

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**Background Papers:** Appendix A - Public Transport Network Development Programme

## Appendix A – Public Transport Network Development Programme

### Airport Infrastructure Improvements Scheme

Area	Location	Details and Status	Cost	Claimed
OIC	North Ronaldsay	Airfield Facilities	£50,000	£50,000
			<b>£50,000</b>	<b>£50,000</b>

### Accessible Bus Scheme

Area	Location	Details and Status	Cost	Claimed
Moray	Moray Rural	Low floor bus operated by Moray Council.	£97,000	£97,000
Argyll	Mull	2 wheelchair accessible coaches for core route from Craignure to Tobermory. The buses will enter service in February 2008.	£90,000	
Argyll	Various	Low floor buses to replace step entry vehicles in Oban, Cowal, Bute and Kintyre. The remaining three vehicles will enter service in March.	£240,000	£120,000
			<b>£427,000</b>	<b>£217,000</b>

### Bus Service Infrastructure and Information Project

Area	Location	Details and Status	Cost	Claimed
All	Various	Up to 30 waiting shelters.	£200,000	£99,430
Argyll	Oban, Lorne and Mid Argyll	Extend coverage of existing RTI system to the route to Oban from Glasgow and Mid Argyll local services.	£76,000	
Argyll	Dunoon	Works allowing low floor bus operation.	£11,421	£11,421
Argyll	Ardentinny bus route	Bus turning circles and infrastructure.	£24,370	£24,370
Argyll & Highland	Various	Quality Bus Corridor bus stop access upgrades (raised kerbs).	£35,000	
Highland	Inverness	Extend existing RTI system to other services on the route.	£120,000	£48,512
Highland	Various	Quality Bus Corridor bus stop enhancement. Install Elite bus stops.	£15,000	£9,286
Highland	Milburn Road	Bus gate to give buses priority.	£20,000	
Moray	Moray	Providing Digital On Bus Displays.	£4,400	£4,400
Moray	Moray	Electronic travel information kiosks at 10 bus stops throughout Moray.	£50,000	£50,000
Moray	Moray	Moray Council real time information trial.	£15,000	
OIC	Orkney	Real Time Passenger Information Scheme throughout the County.	£200,000	£95,000
			<b>£771,191</b>	<b>£342,419</b>

### Cycling and Walking Scheme

Area	Project	Details and Status	Cost	Claimed
Argyll	Taynuilt Footpath	Install a pedestrian and cycle path.	£25,000	
			<b>£25,000</b>	<b>£0</b>

### Ferry Terminal Facilities Scheme

Area	Location	Details and Status	Cost	Claimed
Argyll	Tayinloan - Gigha	Improved passenger waiting facilities.	£25,535	
Argyll	Islay and Claonaig	Variable Message Boards, part funded by Caledonian MacBrayne.	£4,970	£4,970
CNES	Aird Mhor	Works at Ferry Terminal	£6,125	£6,125
CNES	Leverburgh	Final contribution towards the costs of a new passenger waiting room.	£35,485	£35,485
CNES	Lochmaddy	Contribution towards construction of ferry terminal building.	£24,484	£24,484
OIC	Kirkwall	Two travel information kiosks with chip and PIN facility.	£14,738	£14,738
OIC	St Margaret's Hope	Infrastructure works at ferry terminal.	£60,000	
			<b>£171,336</b>	<b>£85,801</b>

### Rail Station Facilities Scheme

Area	Location	Details and Status	Cost	Claimed
Highland	Inverness	Contribution to a major redevelopment of Inverness Station. HITRANS share will be claimed against CCTV, toilet upgrade and CIS. Claim to be made in February.	£150,000	
Highland	Fort William	Contribution to major redevelopment of Fort William Station to become a Travel Centre	£25,000	£21,965
			<b>£175,000</b>	<b>£21,965</b>