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## **Report to Partnership Meeting of 1 February 2008**

### **RESEARCH AND STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME 2008/09**

#### **SUMMARY**

The Report provides details of proposals for research and strategy development action in 2008/09 based on the budget proposals before the Board under Agenda Item

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Board is asked to agree to the Partnership proceeding with the Research and Strategy Programme for 2008/09 as detailed in the Annex to this report.

#### **DETAIL**

Ongoing research and strategy development work is required to support the case for delivery of better transportation as promoted in the Draft Regional Transport Strategy and to ensure the Partnership has best knowledge and information on changing circumstances and opportunities in the transport sector. The Permanent Advisors have met to discuss the best use of the available funding for research and development in 2008/09 and the Programme as detailed in the Annex is their collective view on work that should be undertaken.

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**Date:** 21 January 2008

## Annex

### Research/strategy development programme for 2008/09

Rail	
Oban Glasgow timetable improvements/ TEE	30,000
Far North journey time improvements	30,000
Inverness Aberdeen loops and timetable improvements (NESTRANS part funding)	20,000
Air	
Further work on Skye Airport proposal – survey and weather	20,000
Case for regional service security and development between Heathrow/Gatwick and Inverness	20,000
Active/ Health	
Audits of key settlements – Phase 2	60,000
Health /Community Transport Study	20,000
Forestry	
Confor forestry transport development programme	10,000
Ferry	
Study into service development options (part funding)	40,000
Service development through Oban Hub	10,000
Road	
Study to support corridor assessments (part funding)	20,000
Bus Route Development Study	30,000
ClimATIC environmentally sustainable transport project	5,000
Integration	
Study into development of integrated public transport interchange in Oban (part funding)	10,000
Fuel Supply	
Study into the distribution and delivery of transport fuel across the region and its economic impact	15,000
Monitoring	
Model for assessing success in delivering the Strategy/DRT	15,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>355,000</b>