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Report to Partnership Meeting of 5 October 2007

ENGAGEMENT IN COMMUNITY PLANNING

SUMMARY

The Report provides details of the proposed means by which the Partnership will positively engage in the Community Planning process.

RECOMMENDATION

The Board is asked to agree that the Partnership apply to become full Members of the five Community Planning Partnerships within the HITRANS area, with the local Council Board Member representing the Partnership at Community Planning Meetings

DETAIL

The Partnership has a duty as defined in the Transport (Scotland) Act 2005 to engage in the Community Planning process.

There is currently no forum for Community Planning at a regional level covering an area equivalent to that of the Transport Partnership. Community Planning is focussed at Council level with each Council having the duty to lead community planning within its area.

Access issues have been identified by the great majority of community planning partnerships (CPPs) as critical in delivering their aspirations, and are particularly important in the highlands and islands.

To ensure the Partnership is fully aware of issues and needs as they develop across the region and participates in delivering effective solutions, HITRANS should actively engage with the CPPs and apply to become full members of each Partnership. The internal management arrangements vary across CPPs. It is recommended that HITRANS involvement at the CPP decision making level should be through involvement of the respective local Council Members of the Board, with the Council Permanent Advisor engaging at a supporting level as appropriate.

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