



## Report to Partnership Meeting of 8 October 2009

### Research/Strategy Development Programme for 2009/10 Mid Term Review

#### SUMMARY

The Report provides the Board with an update on progress on the Research/Strategy Development programme and seeks approval of amendments to the programme to reflect changing priorities and funding opportunities identified during the year.

#### DETAIL

The Partnership at its meeting of 3 April agreed the HITRANS Business Plan for 2009/10 which includes a Programme for Research/Strategy Development for 2009/10 in support of development, implementation and delivery of the HITRANS Transport Strategy.

Work is progressing well on much of the content of the Programme as indicated in the Appendix to the report. At this mid point in the year the opportunity has been taken to review progress, priorities, and the level of available funding for work that can be undertaken with a particular intention on focusing expenditure on actions that support the Government in delivering the Strategic Transport Projects and Scottish Ferries Reviews, and supporting delivery of transport improvements across the HITRANS area with the aim of supporting delivery of the Regional Transport Strategy. Savings through efficiency measures have been identified within the Core Budget and this provides the opportunity to increase the level of funding available for research and development at this point in the year from £369,919 to £380,000

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

The Partnership is asked to

1. Note progress on the Research/Strategy Development Programme for 2009/10
2. Approve the amendment to the Research/Strategy Development Programme 2009/10 as detailed in the Appendix to the Report

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**Designation:** Partnership Director  
**Date:** 15 September 2009

## Item 14 - Appendix 1

Area	Funding	Revised Sept 09	Delivery Timescale	Lead Officer/s	Comments
Key settlement active travel audits	50000	50000	April 09 to Mar10	FR	Funding of £25K committed so scope for 2 more settlements and further if funding is increased.
Air Services Review	35000	30000	Apr-Sept 09	RR/HB	
Functions Review	50000	55000	Apr-Oct 09	DD	additional consultation added to remit
Oban Hub Ferry Study		15000	Oct-Dec 09	DD/RR	Study funded in 2008/09. As part of the review, services out of Oban to Barra and South Uist from Oban were studied. There is a close link between the Oban ferry services and those out of Uig and to facilitate HITRANS consideration and response to the up
Freight on rail - capacity	25000	25000	Sep-Dec 09	FR	
Aberdeen Inverness and Invernet 2	25000	25000	Apr-Sept 09	FR	50:50 funding offer with Nestrans awaiting response from Claire Keggie on behalf of Transport Scotland
Tourism by rail – the economic benefit (joint study with HIE)	10000		0 July-Oct 09	TJ/FR	No possibility of delivering so study postponed to 10/11.
Sustainable travel initiative/ projects	45000	25000	Sep09 to Mar 10	RR/FR	Part funding at 25% of costs of delivering ATA projects.
Bus Quality Partnership Development			0 Sept09 to Mar 10	RR –	HITRANS could support development on behalf of a member Council but no takers have emerged yet.
Off shore wind – infrastructure requirements		12000	Oct –Jan 10	HB	Study brief being prepared.
O/D survey on tourist travel habits in the H+I	15000		0 July- Oct 09	RR	Project cancelled.
Development of Regional Traffic Model Development covering all modes as an adjunct to the national LATIS model supported by Transport Scotland	15000		0 Nov-Mar 09	DD	work on Inner Moray Firth Model being progressed by Highland
Accession Tool Update		7500	Sep-Mar 09	RR	consider updating/upgrading the Accession Accessibility Model following talks with MVA if this will assist Health Service and other partners investigate how best to improve access to their services. RR to speak to MVA and Partners regarding delivery of t
Strategy monitoring and evaluation		7500	July- Sept 09	DD	
Shared Services Business Case		10000	Oct 09 – Jan10	DD	held pending outcome of Delivery Review
Sub total	<b>262500</b>	<b>262000</b>			

**STPR support**

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Strategic Park and Ride Development – Tore	50000	50000	Jun 09 – Mar 10	SmacN and RR	confirmation received from Highalnd that funding required in 2009/10 to promote scheme
Kessock Bridge Lane Closure Congestion Relief Measures		20000	Oct - Mar 10	FR, SMacN	Support of design by Highland Council of proposals to provide Station at Torr (50% funding)
Funding to support means by which HITRANS and the member Councils can support Government and Transport Scotland delivering interventions in the STPR	34000		Jun 09 – Mar 10	DD plus Pas from HC/ABC/MC	Funding redirected to specific action to develop the Nairn Bypass and Elgin on line improvements.
Nairn Bypass A96 study by HC		20000	Jun 09 – Mar 10	DD plus SMacN	
Elgin A96 on line improvements		20000	Jun 09 – Mar 10	DD plus GH	
<b>Sub total</b>	84000	110000			
<b>Overall total</b>	<b>346500</b>	<b>372000</b>			