

Agenda Item	19
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HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Committee: Environment Development and Infrastructure

Date: 15 August 2019

Report Title: National Transport Strategy – Consultation Update

Report By: Director of Development and Infrastructure

1. Purpose/Executive Summary

1.1 The review of the National Transport Strategy (NTS) by Transport Scotland has reached the stage where a further engagement is scheduled to begin on 31 July 2019. Committee is asked to note the timeline for the consultation and provide initial comment on the 14 draft policies. A further report will be brought back to Committee.

2. Recommendations

3.1 Members are asked to:

- i. note the timeline for consultation for National Transport Strategy 2;
- ii. provide initial comments on the 14 draft policies; and
- iii. note that a further report will be brought back to Committee.

3. Implications

3.1 Resource

Officers from Development and Infrastructure and Community Services will be involved.

3.2 Legal

The NTS will be a strategic policy for Scotland.

3.3 Community (Equality, Poverty and Rural)

The proposed policies are aimed at dealing with issues faced by people and communities. The consultation will be open to any person or organisation.

3.4 Climate Change / Carbon Clever

Reducing emissions and the effects of climate change are covered by policies.

3.5 Risk

It is essential for NTS2 to be a real enabler for transport investment in the Highlands.

- 3.6 Gaelic
No implication.

4. Background

- 4.1 The original National Transport Strategy 1 (NTS1) was published in December 2006. The NTS1 was subsequently 'refreshed', rather than a full-scale review, during 2015/16. The Scottish Government stated that a full review of the NTS and the Strategic Transport Projects Review would be undertaken in the next Scottish Parliamentary term. Early engagement consultation was carried out in December 2016 to shape the key themes of the NTS review and inform wider engagement.
- 4.2 Information received in early July 2019, through HITRANS, provides advance notice of further engagement for the National Transport Strategy 2 (NTS2) beginning on 31 July 2019 for a period of 12 weeks. A copy of the presentation received is attached at **Appendix 1** to this report.

5. Policy Proposals and Measures

- 5.1 A series of **14 draft policies** are presented in the attached presentation. For ease these are copied below:

A - Continue to improve the reliability, safety and resilience of our transport System

B - Embed the implications for transport in spatial planning and land use decision making

C - Integrate policies and infrastructure investment across the transport, energy and digital system

D - Provide a transport system which enables businesses to be competitive domestically, within the UK and internationally

E - Provide a high quality transport system that integrates Scotland and recognises our different geographic needs

F - Improve the quality and availability of information to enable better transport choices

G - Embrace transport innovation that positively impacts on our society, environment and economy

H - Improve and enable the efficient movement of people and goods on our transport system

I - Provide a transport system that is equally accessible for all

J - Improve access to healthcare, employment, education and training opportunities to generate inclusive sustainable economic growth

K - Support the transport industry in meeting current and future employment and skills needs

L - Provide a transport system which promotes and facilitates travel choices which help to improve people's health and wellbeing

M - Reduce the transport sector's emissions to support our national objectives on air quality and climate change

N - Plan our transport system to cope with the effects of climate change

- 5.2 There is no detail provided in the presentation received for other aspects such as: **38 Suggested Measures, NTS2 Vision, and 12 Outcomes**. The publication of the full consultation document is due on 31 July 2019.

6. Compiling the Highland Council Response

- 6.1 Committee is invited to provide initial comments on the 14 draft policies listed in the presentation received and set out in this report.
- 6.2 It is proposed to gather input from officers in Development and Infrastructure, and Community Services once the formal consultation begins, and bring a further report back to Committee seeking endorsement of the proposed response

Designation: Director of Development and Infrastructure

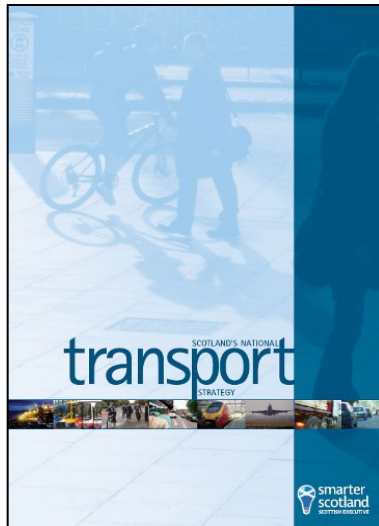
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Background Papers: Scottish Government [Transport Scotland web site - NTS2](#)

National Transport Strategy Review

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NTS 2006



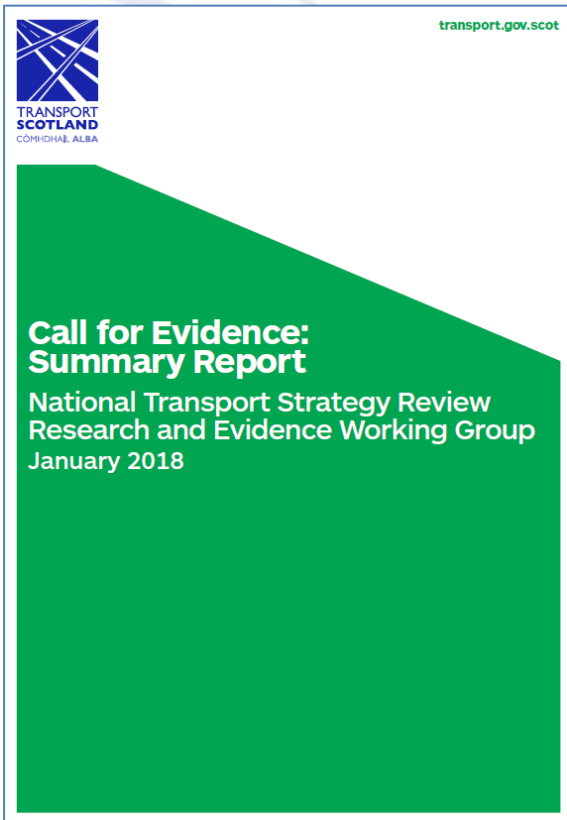
**NTS Refresh
2016**



NTS2 2019

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Call for Evidence Summary Report



- NTS Research & Evidence Group
- ‘Call for Evidence’ on seven question areas conducted during 2017 to inform the review
- Economic growth and inclusive growth
- Transport mode choice and demand
- Environmental impact of transport
- Active travel (e.g. walking and cycling)
- Safe and resilient transport
- Transport governance
- Potential changes in society and technology

Summary findings of Call for Evidence published on 30 January 2018, available at:
<https://www.transport.gov.scot/media/41506/call-for-evidence-summary-report.pdf>

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Policy Proposals and Measures



- Initial policy development process was undertaken by four Thematic Working Groups (TWGs)
- TWGs were tasked with developing a set of policy proposals that would collectively support the NTS2 Vision and Outcomes.
- The TWGs focused on the following four themes:
 - Enabling Economic Growth
 - Tackling Inequalities
 - Greener & Healthier
 - Safe and Resilient Transport

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Policy Proposals and Measures

- Thematic Working Groups
- 14 Draft Policies
- 38 Suggested Measures
- NTS2 Vision
- 12 Outcomes

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Vision and Outcomes

Our Vision

We will have a sustainable, inclusive and accessible transport system, helping deliver a healthier, fairer and more prosperous Scotland for communities, businesses and visitors.



Promotes equality

- Will provide fair access to services we need
- Will be easy to use for all
- Will be affordable for all



Takes climate action

- Will adapt to the effects of climate change
- Will help deliver our net-zero target
- Will promote greener, cleaner choices



Helps our economy prosper

- Will get us where we need to get to
- Will be reliable, efficient and high quality
- Will use beneficial innovation



Improves our health and wellbeing

- Will be safe and secure for all
- Will enable us to make healthy travel choices
- Will help make our communities great places to live

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14 Draft Policies

Policy A	Continue to improve the reliability, safety and resilience of our transport system
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14 Draft Policies

Policy H	Improve and enable the efficient movement of people and goods on our transport system
Policy I	Provide a transport system that is equally accessible for all
Policy J	Improve access to healthcare, employment, education and training opportunities to generate inclusive sustainable economic growth
Policy K	Support the transport industry in meeting current and future employment and skills needs
Policy L	Provide a transport system which promotes and facilitates travel choices which help to improve people's health and wellbeing
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Stakeholder Engagement



A summary of stakeholder engagement to date:

- Survey activity has reached almost **900** respondents
- Over **80** face to face events reaching almost **3,000** stakeholders
- Rural, urban and island locations across Scotland
- Numerous groups reached, including:
 - Ferry User Groups
 - Scottish Tourism Alliance
 - Age Scotland and Young Scot
 - Institute of Mechanical Engineers
 - Scottish Rural Transport Conference
 - 2nd Annual Scottish Transport Infrastructure Conference

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Stakeholder Engagement



A summary of stakeholder engagement in 2019 (to date):

- **Citizens Panels** held in March 2019 - Stornoway, Newtonmore, Stranraer and Dunfermline
- **Young Scot** - second series of workshops with in March/April - Lerwick, Brae, Inverurie, Dundee and Paisley
- **Child Poverty Action Group**
- **Scottish Natural Heritage**
- **One Parent Families Scotland**
- **Poverty Alliance Scotland**

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Currently working on engagement events with:

- **BEMIS** - the national umbrella body supporting the development of the black and ethnic minority voluntary sector in Scotland and their communities.
- **Scottish Youth Parliament** – discussion day workshop scheduled for 14th September 2019.
- **Scotland's Business Sectors** Engagement (Digital, Manufacturing, Food and Drink, Energy, Tourism and Service sectors). This engagement will be carried out as a workshop followed by structured interviews with individual business sectors.
- **Transport Hubs** – engagement is being arranged to take place at numerous transport hubs and public places throughout Scotland during the public consultation period.

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Stakeholder Engagement

Key Themes from Engagement Events:

- **Young Scot** - cost, availability and safety
- **Citizens' Panels** - cost, roads and connections
- **Age Scotland:**
 - inaccessible and infrequent bus services
 - poor access to toilets
 - poor integration across different modes of transport
 - veterans/people living with dementia (or caring for someone who lives with dementia) feel disadvantaged when using public transport

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Stakeholder Engagement

- Stakeholder engagement has been extensive to date
- Continue to engage throughout the statutory period of consultation (12 weeks)
- We will ensure stakeholders' views remain current and relevant

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Next Steps, Have your say ...

- Ongoing engagement
- Public Consultation – 31st July 2019
- Publication of the final NTS2 – end of 2019
- Strategy will enable **all partners** to deliver NTS2
- Scottish Transport Project Review (STPR2)
- Delivery Plan