

**THE MORAY COUNCIL  
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

**MES TRANSPORTATION GROUP**

**Date:** Monday 14 December 2015, 3pm

**Location:** SC Office, HQ Room 227b

**ATTENDEES:**

S Cooper, Head of Direct Services (SC)  
N Moss, Transportation Manager (NM)  
R Robertson, Director Hitrans (RR)

Cllr G Leadbitter (GL)  
L Davidson, PA to HODS (LD)

**APOLOGIES:**

D Wood, Northern Oils (DW)  
D Duncan, Principal Planning Officer (DD)

G Scott, Diageo (GS)

Item	Subject	Action
1.0	<b>Apologies</b>	
1.1	Noted as above.	
2.0	<b>Minute of last meeting: 31 January 2015</b>  The minute was not discussed but was agreed.	
3.0	<b>Future of the Group</b>	
3.1	A discussion was held about the future of this group along with the current list of attendees. It was agreed that the group should not feel under pressure to meet more often than they do as a lot of the issues discussed at this group rely on external pressures (e.g. A96 dualling and rail upgrades).	
3.2	It was agreed that the group would meet on a quarterly basis. The membership of the group would be as follows:  Stephen Cooper, Head of Direct Services Ranald Robertson, Director, Hitrans Councillor Graham Leadbitter Nicola Moss, Transportation Manager Steven Hutcheon, Head of Regional Development, HIE Moray Chamber of Commerce – it was agreed to invite Margery McLennan, Executive Director and Margery would pass the invite to a member of her team.	
4.0	<b>Workstreams</b>	
4.1	<b>A95</b> – NM to issue to partnership members which will also be submitted to Transport Scotland at the same time. Publicity will be required and should be done at the same time along with a letter to MP/MSP. Transport	

	<p>Scotland are issuing a route study in late January 2016.</p> <p>NM to meet with Dawn McNiven regarding publicity.</p> <p>NM to distribute to MEP members and Transport Scotland before the end of December.</p>	<p><b>NM</b></p> <p><b>NM</b></p>
4.2	<p><b>A96</b> – SC met with the Forres Area A96 Dualling Action Group to discuss their concerns about the dualling between Aberdeen and Inverness. GL said that Forres Community Council had been in contact with Elgin Community Council about joining forces on this particular issue.</p>	
4.3	<p><b>Elgin Railway Station</b> – recent changes that have taken place at the station were discussed. It was noted that parking has become an issue, particularly around Wards Road and Pond Place. There is a spare piece of land that network rail could use for parking but all are unsure who it belongs to. GL said that there would be some benefit in there being 2 sleeper services.</p>	
4.4	<p><b>Perth Railway Station</b> – recent changes at Perth railway station will have a knock on effect for Elgin in terms of connection waiting times.</p>	
4.5	<p><b>Freight Trains</b> – the crew will be based in Elgin. Currently the trains are coming into the station empty from Inverness.</p>	
4.6	<p><b>Scotland Route Study</b> – currently out for consultation. NM to review.</p>	<p><b>NM</b></p>
5.0	<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p>	
5.1	<p>TBC along with dates for 2016.</p>	<p><b>LD</b></p>