



Subject:	Motion - Support for Roads Infrastructure in Scotland – Consultation Response
Date:	23rd August, 2019
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After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Some time in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of main Issues
1.1	This report seeks the Committee’s approval to submit a consultation response (copy attached at Appendix 1) in relation to the South West Scotland Transport Study, which closes today, 23 rd August 2019. The proposed response is in line with a previously agreed Motion relating to “Support for Roads Infrastructure in Scotland” agreed by Council at its meeting on 4th March 2019.
1.2	The report also outlines how Political Parties and individual members can submit party responses to the South West Scotland Transport Study if they wish. The survey should take 5-10 minutes to complete and all response are anonymous.

1.3	<p>In addition, there is currently a related consultation open from 31st July 2019 until 23rd October 2019, in relation to the broader matter of Scotland’s National Transport Strategy. If the Committee feels that a corporate response is required, this will be considered by colleagues in our Place and Economy Department, given potential linkages to Infrastructure and Planning. If a Council response is drafted, it will be brought to the relevant Committee and will be subject to ratification by the Council.</p>
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	<p>The Committee is requested to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) agree to the submission of the consultation response provided at Appendix 1 in relation to the South West Scotland Transport Study. Noting that the response is in line with Motion previously agreed by Council; b) to note that individual party responses to reflect their respective positions on the South West Scotland Transport Strategy can be submitted separately; and c) agree that a Council response to the National Transport Strategy consultation be drafted.
3.0	Main report
3.1	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>The Council at its meeting on 4th March, passed a motion on “Support for Roads Infrastructure in Scotland”. This Motion was subsequently forwarded by letter to the Scottish First Minister on 15th March 2019. (Appendix 2).</p> <p>3.2 The Scottish Government responded by letter from Mr Michael Matheson MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Transport Infrastructure and Connectivity, on 1st May 2019. This response was reported to the committee on 21st June 2019. (Appendix 3).</p> <p>3.3 During the adoption of the Strategic Policy and Resources minutes at the Council meeting on 1st July, Alderman Kingston raised this matter and the following was agreed by Council:</p> <p><i>Update on Motion: Support for Roads Infrastructure in Scotland</i></p>

“At the request of Alderman Kingston, the Council agreed, given the timescales involved, that officers submit responses to the draft findings of the South West Scotland Transport Study and to the review of Scotland’s National Transport Strategy, as alluded to within the correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity.”

3.4 Should the Committee agree to submit a response to the consultation in line with the Notice of Motion, a response will be submitted as per Appendix 1. This draft response will also indicate that each political party has been informed of this consultation and may engage directly in relation to this study.

Case for Change - South West Scotland Transport Study

3.5 Should individual members or parties wish to comment directly on this Study. The documents and guidance can be accessed via the following link -

<https://www.transport.gov.scot/publication/draft-report-initial-appraisal-case-for-change-south-west-scotland-transport-study/>

Members should note that this consultation is scheduled to close on 23rd August 2019.

Scotland’s National Transport Strategy

3.6 This consultation relates to a new draft National Transport Strategy (NTS) for Scotland, which aims to set out a compelling vision for the future of transport for the next twenty years. It is proposed that the Council response to this draft Strategy be managed through Place and Economy.

3.7 Should individual members or parties wish to comment directly on this draft Strategy. The documents and guidance can be accessed via the following link -

<https://consult.gov.scot/transport-scotland/national-transport-strategy/>

Financial and Resource Implications

3.8 None associated with this report.

Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment

3.9 None associated with this report.

4.0	Documents Attached
	<p>Appendix 1 – Draft response to South West Scotland Transport Study.</p> <p>Appendix 2 - Letter sent to Scottish First Minister.</p> <p>Appendix 3 – Response from Mr. Michael Matheson MSP</p>