

## **EX76. RAIL STATIONS INVESTMENT FUND**

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Development Services on the findings of a study into the Scottish Government's Station Investment fund and of an appraisal of the possibility of new stations at Bonnybridge and Grangemouth.

Falkirk Council had, along with SEStran, appointed consultants to audit car parking provision and access arrangements at Falkirk Stations. The findings also identified highlighted enhancements which could be funded or part funded from the Stations Investment fund.

Additionally the Council, through SEStran, had appointed a consultant to review and update previous work undertaken to investigate the possibility of new stations being developed in Bonnybridge and Grangemouth. The review had concluded that it would be advisable to delay any detailed appraisal and business case until the current Edinburgh-Glasgow electrification programme (EGIP) is complete and decisions are made on the Greenhill Junction improvements and on High Speed Rail between Glasgow and Edinburgh.

### **Decision**

**The Executive agreed:-**

- 1) that further detailed appraisal work on potential new stations is delayed until more details are available on the following:**
  - **Timetable for completion of the EGIP Project in the Falkirk Council area**
  - **Greenhill Junction Improvements**
  - **High Speed Rail link between Glasgow and Edinburgh**
- 2) to submit in partnership with SEStran, a bid for funding of the Falkirk High Station Car Park from the Scottish Government's Station Improvement Fund, and**
- 3) to liaise with SEStran, who are submitting a bid for minor improvements at existing railway stations in the SEStran area, to include any appropriate or eligible improvements to stations in the Falkirk Council area.**