

EX93. Bonnybridge Transport Issues - Scottish Transport Appraisal Guidance (STAG) Pre-Appraisal

The Convener advised that a request had been made under Standing Order 38.1(x) by Councillor Coleman to speak at the meeting. The Convener stated that having taken regard of the ward specific nature item of the item and that Councillor Coleman was a local member for the affected ward that she would consent to the request.

Councillor Coleman was then heard in relation to the item.

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Development Services which provided an update on the STAG pre-appraisal prepared to investigate transport issues in the Bonnybridge area and possible options for future STAG1 and STAG2 Appraisal.

The STAG pre-appraisal considered existing transport issues relating to the Bonnybridge area. The current transport provision including up to date base data for public transport services had been included. That element had required to be updated twice due to alterations to bus and rail timetables since the surveys were carried out. Other data used included information on travel to work, modal choice and barriers to using alternative modes of travel.

Decision

The Executive:-

- (1) noted the contents of the report;**
- (2) agreed to a further more detailed appraisal as part of STAG 1 and STAG 2 being undertaken for transport issues in the Bonnybridge area subject to agreement with Transport Scotland, as set out in section 5 of the report on the following options:-**
 - new railway station**
 - improved and expanded car parking at railway stations**
 - better access to bus and rail services**
 - upgraded pedestrian and cycling facilities**
- (3) agreed, subject to Transport Scotland comments and representations that Development Services appoint an appropriate transport consultant to carry out the further STAG 1 and STAG 2 appraisal work with appropriate funding as per paragraph 6.1 of the report.**