

1 LOCAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY (AN179-2004)

The purpose of this agenda note is to inform Committee that the process of revising the Local Transport Strategy will commence during May 2004.

Dundee City Council first produced an interim Local Transport Strategy in 1999 and used this as a basis for debate and consultation on the transportation issues affecting the city, resulting in a finalised Local Transport Strategy document in October 2002. However, this did not mark the end to debate on transportation and in the intervening period a number of key stakeholder workshops and focus groups have helped to take forward the transport agenda in an informed and balanced manner.

Dundee's finalised Local Transport Strategy of October 2002 stated that "it is intended that a full review will be undertaken, commencing in 2003". However, this timetable has slipped due to a lack of finalised guidance on Local Transport Strategies and Road Traffic Reduction Reports from the Scottish Executive. This finalised guidance has not yet been forthcoming from the Scottish Executive, but the revision process cannot be delayed further without the Council's transportation priorities and programmes losing focus and momentum. Significant progress can be made without the guidance beginning with a review of how successful the Council has been in achieving the targets set in the Local Transport Strategy document (October 2002).

Local Transport Strategies have a statutory basis in the Transport (Scotland) Act 2001. In addition, Dundee's Local Transport Strategy performs the following functions:

- it provides Dundee City Council with a focus for its transport policies;
- it provides Dundee City Council with a means to engage prospective partners in a debate about transport policies and directions;
- the existence of a high-quality local transport strategy will assist Dundee City Council in applying the Scottish Transport Appraisal Guidance required for funding of transport projects;
- it is a prerequisite for Dundee City Council to introduce bus service quality partnership schemes under the Transport (Scotland) Act 2001;
- it is the natural home for the mandatory Road Traffic Reduction Reports.

Committee is asked to note that:

- 1 the process of revising the Local Transport Strategy will commence during May 2004.
- 2 the revision process will commence with a review of targets, the results of which will be reported to Committee in due course.