

17 SCOTLAND'S NATIONAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY: A CONSULTATION (AN195-2006)

The purpose of this agenda note is to inform Committee of the Scottish Executive consultation document "Scotland's National Transport Strategy: A Consultation" and the timing of the consultation period.

"Scotland's National Transport Strategy: A Consultation" was issued by the Scottish Executive on 20th April, 2006 for a 12 week consultation period. Throughout the 12 week consultation period further consultative events will take place including focus groups and a National Transport Conference on 30th May, 2006. The consultation period ends on 13th July, 2006.

This consultation document is clearly an important document for the future of Scotland's transport needs and aspirations and in addition will set transport policy direction for both regional and local transport strategies.

Unfortunately, the timing of the consultation period and National Conference permits no time to report Dundee City Council's response to the Planning and Transportation Committee prior to the deadline of 13th July, 2006. Accordingly, Committee is asked to delegate powers to the Director of Planning and Transportation to respond to the consultation and report that response to the Planning and Transportation Committee on 14th August, 2006.