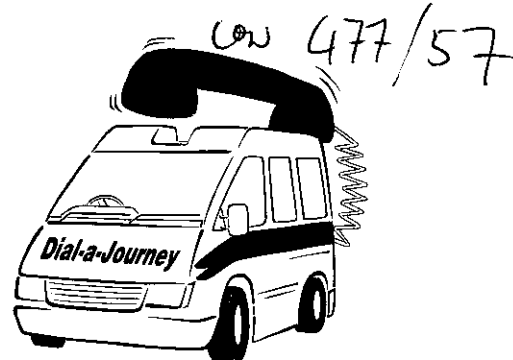




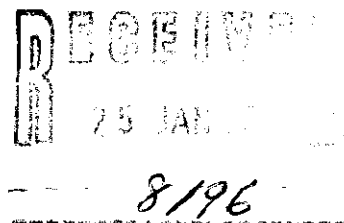
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Dear Sir

Scotland's Transport Future – Response

Please find Order of Malta Dial-a-Journey's response to the above document. I will follow this e-mail with hard copy.

Yours sincerely

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RESPONSE TO “SCOTLANDS TRANSPORT FUTURE” DOCUMENT

Introduction

Order of Malta Dial-a-Journey is a charitable organisation, part-funded by Stirling, Falkirk and Clackmannanshire Councils that provides Accessible Transport and Associated throughout these areas and beyond. It operates these services and a range of others under Section 19 permit and full O Licence conditions.

We are actively involved in many streams of promoting and commenting on transport issues. For example we have represented the Community Transport Association when the Transport Act 2000 was being developed. We are currently involved with Go Skills – the sector Skills Council at local and national level, and actively participate in the activities of the Community Transport Association.

We believe that it is essential to give comment on the Scotland's Future document in order that both local and national interests are represented.

I offer comments only on the areas that give cause for concern.

Boundaries

1. In respect of the 3 local authorities we are currently involved with, it is felt that the proposed inclusion of Stirling Council with Angus, Perth and Dundee does not make geographical sense. This is in part due to the fact that Stirling and Clackmannanshire currently have a strong and effective partnership and that geographically at least it makes sense for Stirling to continue being involved with SESTRANS.

It may be beneficial however that rural areas of the current Stirling Council area such as Killin and Tyndrum have their interests better served by being controlled by Central and Tay, than Stirling as there is a natural merging of areas and activity.

2. Because of the way we are currently funded by various local authorities, we have concerns about who may control the budgets for our services. At this point in time this is not clear because of the terms of Section D – Revenue support – item 44.

Constitution

3. Difficult to envisage how all stake holders can be represented without the organisation becoming too cumbersome. It is felt that this should be re-worded to read relevant stakeholders.

Agree that members should not represent groups or organisations but should be recruited for skills and experience. However controls may be needed to monitor the views of members to ensure that they are not promoting the role of their organisation.

4. Yes
5. a. It is our view that more details and consideration is needed on what role members would be expected to take before accurate comment can be given
- b. Yes
- c. No comment

d. The findings and aspirations of community planning should be considered when the RTP's and developing plans and initiatives.

6. No comment

7. Yes

8. No comment

Functions

9. No comment

10. No comment

11. No comment

12. No comment

13. No comment

14. No comment

In the above, we have no strong view on the principles expressed, other than the actions should be considered as the process develops.

Funding

15. No comment

16. No comment

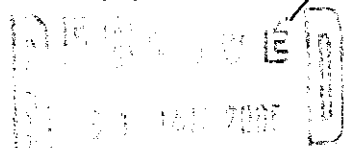
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Summary

It is believed that the model of the RTP has the potential to provide improved integrated methods of transport. However we have concerns that the Boards may become too complex big and unwieldy if proper control is not exercised over them.

It is also felt that strong representation of the Community Transport Sector and it's services is present.

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B. RESPONDEE INFORMATION FORM

Please complete the details below and attach it with your response. This will help ensure we handle your response appropriately:

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Consultation title: PROPOSALS FOR STATUTORY REGIONAL TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIPS

1. Are you responding as: (please tick one box)

- (a) an individual (go to 2a/b)
- (b) on behalf of a group or organisation (go to 2c)

2a. INDIVIDUALS:

Do you agree to your response being made available to the public (in SE library and/or on SE website)?

- Yes (go to 2b below)
- No, not at all

2b. Where confidentiality is not requested, we will make your response available to the public on the following basis (please tick one of the following boxes)

- Yes, make my response, name and address all available
- Yes, make my response available, but not my name or address
- Yes, make my response and name available, but not my address

2c ON BEHALF OF GROUPS OR ORGANISATIONS:

Your name and address as respondees will be made available to the public (in the SE library and/or on SE website). Are you content for your response to be made available also?

- Yes
- No

SHARING RESPONSES/FUTURE ENGAGEMENT

3. We will share your response internally with other SE policy teams who may be addressing the issues you discuss. They may wish to contact you again in the future, but we require your permission to do so. Are you content for the Scottish Executive to contact you again in the future in relation to this consultation response?

- Yes
- No

