

Aberdeenshire regional update to CPMR NSC Transport group for February 2020

Further to the previous report (October 2019) that Aberdeenshire Council won an award in the Scottish Transport awards 2019 for Excellence in Walking, Public Realm & Cycling the same project was also the winner at the UK National awards for Excellence in Cycling and Walking



WINNER: Aberdeenshire Council - Integrated Travel Town Masterplan Project Approach.

The Integrated Travel Town (ITT) approach has been adopted for 5 towns in Aberdeenshire. Each ITT has been developed with significant community involvement to generate a priority list of improvements for each town and includes both physical infrastructure improvements along with “soft” interventions such as promotional events and school education sessions.

<https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/transportation/integrated-travel-towns/>

The operation of the first hydrogen cars into rural Aberdeenshire continues and a delivery of further vehicles is imminent.

The Scottish Government published their programme in autumn 2019

(<https://www.gov.scot/publications/protecting-scotlands-futuregovernments-programme-scotland-2019-20/>) which commits to phasing out of all petrol and diesel cars from public sector fleets and removing the need for any new petrol or diesel light commercial vehicles by 2025.

Accordingly, Aberdeenshire have now published a strategic plan to look at the implications of this and furthermore to phase out the need for all new petrol and diesel vehicles in our fleet by 2030. Aberdeenshire’s own fleet currently consists of just over 900 vehicles and item of plant.

As previously advised at national and regional level, work continues on the new National Transport Strategy and a new Regional Transport Strategy. Both of these will have an effect on the priorities at a local level and Aberdeenshire Council will so begin the review process for a new Local Transport Strategy where we will be looking at the various NSC Transport group databases amongst other inputs for inspiration and best practice.

<https://www.transport.gov.scot/our-approach/national-transport-strategy/>

<https://www.nestrans.org.uk/regional-transport-strategy/>