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| **Strategic meeting:**REP – Strategic Action Group Transport  |
| **Date of meeting:**01/11/2024 | **Attended by:**J Amaral |
| **Relevant agenda items:**1. Welcome and Introductions2. COSS debrief (see attached paper)Discussion on the paper presented, Transport Scotland's response etc3. ActionsAgree roles, responsibilities and actions for progressing the actions outlined in the attached COSS paper4. Planning for next COSS mtg• SBC's Corporate Mgmt Team are meeting with Transport Scotland/ ScotGov next Friday for a strategic discussion. Are there any matters that SAGT members would like us to table at this meeting?• How we want to structure the discussion at the next COSS?• What actions do we need to undertake to support this?5. AOCBAgree dates for next meetings up until the next COSS. |
| **Specific points of interest:**Update on Convention of South of Scotland (CoSS) presentation: Alison Irving (CEO of Transport Scotland) gave feedback that the paper ‘was not very collaborative’. There was no further clarification on what was meant by that, so further clarity is needed. This was possibly to do with the lack of acknowledgement of some of the key priorities for transport Scotland's national strategy.Further discussion is required to address the main point in order to move this forward as a joint approach. John Curry and Jenny Linehan are meeting Transport Scotland to address issues on Friday, 08 November. The group agreed that emphasis should be placed on the value of the South as a key player in helping transport Scotland in delivering key priorities and that a better understanding is needed in terms of rural needs. Discussion around a rural transport network. Wider discussion on the feedback received at CoSS and a suggestion for John Currie to take this forward at the Friday meeting as a collaborative approach to address challenges and opportunities in transport matters in the south of Scotland,Agreed on roles and responsibilities for data capturing from transport providers including community transport and NHS patient transport. Action: partners to identify what’s available in terms of data and what should be captured. 20-minute neighbourhood – pave the way for the actions regarding flexibility in rural areas to adapt to the 20-minute rural neighbourhood discussions. Use of an image that can be adapted to the rural context. Use data from local place plans to ensure the voices of communities are represented and addressed within the plan. Data mapping – who are the key players holding key data that can help us articulate better the Borders issues and opportunities?Community transport, NHS passenger transport, transport providers, any other third sector transport provision, local place plans for the community voices. This group will reconvene to prepare for the next CoSS meeting. The group agreed to take actions regarding exploring data sets currently being captured by partners and agencies operating across the south. New dates for future meetings will be circulated.  |
| **Comments:**In order to advocate for investment in systems and better infrastructure, it is important to understand the Borders landscape and be able to articulate the issues, needs and also possible local solutions in the Scottish Borders. This can only be done through the use of data and evidence.  |
| **Actions from this meeting:** Juliana to liaise with Denise Carmichael – Borders Community Transport regarding data capturing through flexiroute software |
| **Distribution list for information:**BCA Team + Third Sector Leaders **Signed: J Amaral** |