

## **EXECUTIVE NOTE**

### **THE STRATHCLYDE PASSENGER TRANSPORT (VARIATION) ORDER 2006 SSI/2006/112**

1. The above instrument will be made in exercise of the powers conferred on the Scottish Ministers by section 40(8) of the Local Government etc (Scotland) Act 1994. This instrument is subject to the negative resolution procedure.

#### **Policy Objectives**

2. The Regional Transport Partnerships (Establishment, Constitution and Membership)(Scotland) Order 2005 created the West of Scotland Transport Partnership. The Transfer of Functions from the Strathclyde Passenger Transport Authority and the Strathclyde Passenger Transport Executive to the West of Scotland Transport Partnership Order 2006 will transfer the functions of the Strathclyde Passenger Transport bodies to that of the West of Scotland Transport Partnership on 01 April 2006.

3. The West of Scotland Transport Partnership area is slightly larger than that of the current Strathclyde Passenger Transport. An order is therefore required to alter the SPT area prior to the transfer of functions from SPT to West of Scotland Transport Partnership. The above order amends the Strathclyde Passenger Transport Area (Designation) Order 1995 to vary the Strathclyde Passenger Transport Area.

4. The Order amends the Strathclyde Passenger Transport Area to expand it to incorporate Wards 33 and 34 of Argyll and Bute Council and to include the whole of East Ayrshire, North Ayrshire, South Ayrshire and South Lanarkshire council areas

5. These boundary changes will be made on 31 March 2006, thereby coming into effect immediately before the transfer of functions from the SPTA and SPTE to the new West of Scotland Transport Partnership on 01 April 2006.

#### **Consultation**

6. The following consultation on the instrument has taken place:

6.1 Section 10(8) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2005 places a duty on the Scottish Ministers, before making an Order such as this, to consult the Transport Partnership concerned, its constituent councils and such other persons as the Ministers think fit.

6.2 On 28 October the Scottish Executive sent a draft version of this Order to the Chief Executives of Argyll and Bute, East Ayrshire, North Ayrshire, South Ayrshire and South Lanarkshire Councils. The draft order was also issued to the Chief Executives of the other seven councils in the current SPT area and to SPTE and WESTRANS. We received five responses, all of which were positive.

#### **Financial Effects**

7. There financial effects of amending the area are cost neutral.

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