

**Report to Partnership Meeting 3 February 2012**

**RESEARCH AND STRATEGY DELIVERY**

**ScotRail Franchise 2014 Consultation**

**Purpose of Report**

To update Members on the process for submitting a response to Transport Scotland's Rail 2014 Consultation.

**Response Process**

Following the workshop on 2 February 2012 a draft response will be circulated to all Members and Advisors for comment. The final response will be submitted on or before the 20 February deadline, having been approved by the Chair and Vice Chair. We will also submit to Transport Scotland the evidence we have gathered from the following studies:

- InverCity Study
- 4cast OD
- Pre Ten O Clock –PTOC
- European Franchising
- Sleepers Uncoupled
- Franchise Model for Scotland FM4S
- Sleeper Operational Report
- Turbo Boost

**Recommendation**

1. Members are asked to note the report and agree to HITRANS submitting a response based on the output from the Members Workshop of 2 February and approved by the Chair and Vice Chair.
2. Members are asked to consider whether HITRANS should engage with prospective franchise bidders in the run up to the franchising process.

<b>Risk</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Comment</b>
RTS delivery	√	Delivery of improved rail services across the region is a core objective of the RTS
Policy	-	
Financial	-	
Equality	√	Improved accessibility to rail services should be a delivered by the new Franchisee.

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