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HI TRANS
THE HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP

Report to Partnership Meeting 6 November 2026

PARTNERSHIP

PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS 2027

Purpose of Report

The report advises Members on the proposed dates for Partnership Board and Permanent Advisors meetings in 2027 and invites Members to indicate acceptance or changes to the dates. This follows earlier consideration of dates at the September 2026 meeting where it was agreed to change the September meeting date from 10 September 2027 to a later date to support meeting the statutory deadline for publishing the Audited 2026/27 Accounts. A later date will support our external Auditor by providing a date for signing off the accounts closer to the deadline for their publication.

Meeting Schedule

With Local Government elections scheduled for 6 May 2027 an additional meeting date in June 2027 has been included in the meeting schedule to enable handover to a new Board and appoint the Partnership Chair and Vice Chair.

The September 2027 meeting has now been scheduled to take place on 24 September. Officers would also suggest rescheduling the November Partnership meeting and the Partnership Advisors meeting in October to allow the more regularized gap between meetings. This is also suggested in the table.

Date	Partnership Meetings	Advisors meetings	Location
14 January 2027		Morning	Virtual
5 February 2027	Partnership Board Meeting		Virtual / Inverness
25 March 2027		morning	Virtual
23 April 2027	Partnership Board Meeting		Virtual / Inverness
10 and 11 June 2027	Late afternoon Board Induction Workshop followed by full Partnership meeting on Friday morning		Venue to be Confirmed
19 August 2027		morning	Virtual
23 and 24 September 2027	Evening meeting followed by full Partnership meeting on Friday Morning		Orkney
5 November 2027		morning	Virtual

18 and 19 November 2027	Evening meeting followed by full Partnership meeting on Friday Morning		Moray

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RTS Delivery
Impact - Positive

Comment – The Board and Advisors Meetings are the focus for HITRANS development and monitoring of actions to support delivery of the RTS.

Policy
Impact – Neutral

Comment – The Board and Advisors Meetings are the focus for HITRANS development and monitoring of actions to develop and approve the Partnerships Policies

Financial
Impact – Positive

Budget line and value – The Partnership's budget setting and monitoring is facilitated through the Partnership Board Meeting.

Equality
Impact – Positive

Comment – Equality elements of the Partnership's activities are reflected in the reports considered at Partnership Meetings.

Recommendation

Members are asked to:

1. Agree that the HITRANS Partnership and Advisors meet in 2027 on the dates and at the locations identified in the table.

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Designation: Partnership Director
Date: 21st September 2026