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Transport Scotland submission of 20 April 2017

Thank you for your letter of 3 March 2017 seeking an update on the possible introduction of Speed Awareness Courses (SAC) in Scotland following the Strategic Partnership Board (SPB) meeting held on 22 March.

As the committee is aware the Lord Advocate has granted Police Scotland permission to commence preparatory scoping work and at the meeting on 22 March, Police Scotland provided an update on the progress which they have made on this.

The SPB noted the update provided by Police Scotland and also again acknowledged that the Lord Advocate has indicated that he would not make a decision on whether to consent to SAC being carried out in Scotland until after the results from the UK Government's evaluation into the effectiveness of SAC are published. The SPB considered that it would be inappropriate to have more detailed discussions on whether or not they consider that SAC should be carried out in Scotland until the results of the evaluation are known.

However, the SPB asked that Police Scotland continue with their scoping work and provide a further, more detailed, paper on SAC for their next meeting in September. It was agreed that the paper would provide in-depth information on what suggested models for both the pilot programme and wider roll out, if that was the agreed outcome from the pilot, together with comprehensive descriptions of its intended monitoring and evaluation for both.

Yours Sincerely
Transport Scotland