

## **SOUTH WEST OF SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP**

**Special Meeting of Thursday 4 April 2013 at 10.30am  
In the Council Offices, English Street, Dumfries, DG1 2DD**

### **Members of the Board**

<b>Brian Collins (Chair)</b>	- Dumfries and Galloway Council
<b>David Bryson (Vice-Chair)</b>	- External Member
<b>Ian Carruthers</b>	- Dumfries and Galloway Council
<b>Alistair Geddes</b>	- Dumfries and Galloway Council
<b>Denis Male</b>	- Dumfries and Galloway Council
<b>Richard Brodie</b>	- Dumfries and Galloway Council
<b>Alistair McKinnon</b>	- External Member

### **Future Meetings**

<b>17 May 2013</b>	- Lockerbie
<b>12 July 2013</b>	- Dumfries
<b>13 September 2013</b>	- Stranraer
<b>15 November 2013</b>	- Kirkcudbright
<b>17 January 2014</b>	- Langholm
<b>14 March 2014</b>	- Sanquhar
<b>16 May 2014</b>	- Newton Stewart
<b>11 July 2014</b>	- Castle Douglas

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Lead Officer, South West of Scotland Transport Partnership

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Chair: Councillor Brian J Collins



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1. SEDERUNT, APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
2. COMMERCIAL LOCAL BUS SERVICE CHANGES – Report dated 2 April 2013 [*Recommendation – to note the forthcoming changes to the commercial local bus network*].

3. ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN MAY DECIDE IS URGENT DUE TO THE NEED FOR A DECISION

*It is recommended that Members of the South West of Scotland Transport Partnership Board agree to consider the following item of business in private and exclude the Press, members of the public and Observers from the meeting given the report contains confidential and sensitive information.*

4. BUS ISSUES – Report dated 2 April 2013

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## COMMERCIAL LOCAL BUS SERVICE CHANGES

### 1. Reason for Report

To inform the Board of forthcoming commercial changes to the local bus network.

### 2. Background

First Group and Stagecoach West Scotland have submitted changes to their commercial local bus service operations in Dumfries and Galloway to the Traffic Commissioner and copied these to SWestrans. The changes take effect on 29 April 2013 for First and 27 May 2013 for Stagecoach.

### 3. Key Issues

3.1 First Group operates the X95 Carlisle to Langholm to Edinburgh service on a commercial basis. It has submitted a registration amendment on the service and will no longer leave the A7 to serve Hollows or Auchenvirock from 29 April 2013.

3.2 The company has indicated that this is due to insufficient passenger usage from Hollows and road safety concerns of turning onto the A7 northbound on the 3 journeys that currently serve Auchenvirock. This is a commercial service and therefore outwith our control.

3.3 Stagecoach West Scotland has submitted registration amendments on services as follows:

- 6 Dumfries Town Centre to Kingholm Quay – 1615 ex Great King Street changes from Monday to Saturday to Saturday only;
- 10 Dumfries Town Centre to Lochside – 0757 ex Burns Statue operating Monday to Friday is removed;
- 501 Dumfries to Dalbeattie to Castle Douglas – 0600 ex Dumfries and return from Castle Douglas at 0652 change from Monday to Saturday to Monday to Friday.

3.4 The incoming journey on the 501 service which currently provides a Monday to Saturday arrival in Dumfries at 0744 has been subject to spot monitoring and averages some 22 passengers Monday to Friday and 6 on the Saturday arrival which will be cancelled.

3.5 The above changes will be publicised a minimum of 2 weeks prior to their change date and all feedback will be monitored and any issues arising for Dumfries and Galloway residents will be reported to the Board.

### 4. Financial Implications

There are no financial implications from this report.

**5. Consultations**

The Proper Officer (Finance) has been consulted and is in agreement with the terms of the report.

**6. Recommendations**

**Members of the Board are asked to note the forthcoming changes to the commercial local bus network.**

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