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## SOUTH WEST OF SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP

Meeting of Friday 11 July 2014  
at 10.30am in the Community Centre, Cotton Street, Castle Douglas

### Present

### Members

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| <b>John Syme</b> (Chairman)        | - | Dumfries and Galloway Council |
| <b>Richard Brodie</b>              | - | Dumfries and Galloway Council |
| <b>Ian Carruthers</b> (Substitute) | - | Dumfries and Galloway Council |
| <b>Denis Male</b>                  | - | Dumfries and Galloway Council |
| <b>Alistair McKinnon</b>           | - | External Member               |
| <b>Ted Thompson</b> (Substitute)   | - | Dumfries and Galloway Council |

### Officials and Advisers

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| <b>Claire Caution</b>      | - | Secretary to the Board               |
| <b>Douglas Kirkpatrick</b> | - | Service Manager (Sustainable Travel) |
| <b>Karen Riddick</b>       | - | Policy Officer                       |
| <b>Janet Sutton</b>        | - | Finance Officer                      |
| <b>Harry Thomson</b>       | - | Lead Officer                         |

### Apologies

|                                     |   |                               |
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| <b>David Bryson</b> (Vice Chairman) | - | External Member               |
| <b>Tom McAughtrie</b> (Chairman)    | - | Dumfries and Galloway Council |
| <b>Marion McCutcheon</b>            | - | Dumfries and Galloway Council |

### Observers

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| <b>June Hay</b>       | - | Outdoor Access Forum                      |
| <b>Hugh McCreadie</b> | - | Lochside & Woodlands<br>Community Council |

### In Attendance

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| <b>Julia Hansohm</b> | - | Abellio |
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**1. SEDERUNT, APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

**Decision**

**AGREED** to appoint John Syme as Chairman for the meeting.

**PROCEDURE** – John Syme assumed the role of Chairman

4 Members present and 3 apologies

**2. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

**Decision**

The Board **AGREED** to appoint Tom McAughtrie as Chairman of the SWestrans Board

**3. MINUTES OF MEETINGS ON 16 MAY 2014 and 12 JUNE 2014**

**Decision**

**APPROVED**

**MEMBERS** – Richard Brodie and Alistair McKinnon entered the meeting – 6 Members present

**4. REVENUE BUDGET OUTTURN REPORT 2013/14**

**Decision**

The Board **NOTED** the draft outturn for 2013/14 and that a break even position was achieved.

**5. UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS 2013/14**

**Decision**

The Board **NOTED** the unaudited Annual Accounts for the financial year end 31 March 2014

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## 6. CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAMME 2013/14 OUTTURN REPORT

### Decision

The Board:-

6.1 **NOTED** the outturn position for the Capital Programme 2013/14 and the issues arising including the carry forward of £177,450 to 2014/15; and

6.2 **REQUESTED** that the Service Review report due for consideration at the next Board meeting include consideration of the value delivered by DGDesign and DGFirst in the delivery of capital projects.

## 7. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS - AMENDMENT

### Decision

The Board **AGREED** that the 12 September 2014 meeting would be moved back to 10 October 2014 in order to better meet the business needs of the Board.

## 8. REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES

### Decision

The Board **AGREED** the representation on outside bodies on behalf of SWestrans as follows:- West Coast 250 – Tom McAughtrie, North Channel Partnership – Tom McAughtrie, Lockerbie Station Liaison Group – Richard Brodie, Glasgow Prestwick Airport Consultative Committee – John Syme; and SAYLSA the Community Rail Partnership for Carrick and Wigtownshire – Tom McAughtrie.

## 9. RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION ON TRANSPENNINE EXPRESS AND NORTHERN RAIL FRANCHISES

### Decision

The Board:-

9.1 **AGREED** the draft response to the UK Government's Department for Transport on the Transpennine Express and Northern Franchises **NOTING** that the following would be highlighted:-

- The significant increase in passenger numbers at Lockerbie station
- The importance of Lockerbie as a gateway to the region, recognising the large catchment area for the station, improving connections to regional and national capitals, providing the opportunity to move workers from Dumfries and Galloway to the central belt, northern England and vice versa.
- Issues of punctuality particularly causing issues for the connection at Carstairs for Edinburgh – an increase in direct services should be sought

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provided that there would be additional provision for stopping at Lockerbie;  
and

- Issues of overcrowding particularly on south bound trains identifying the need for additional services

9.2 **FURTHER NOTED** that the draft response should be discussed at a meeting of the Lockerbie Station Liaison group prior to the deadline for submission of 18 August 2014.

## **10. ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE FOR TRAVELLERS WITH DISABILITIES OR ILLNESSES: “TRAVELLING WITH DEMENTIA” AND “THISTLE CARD”**

### **Decision**

The Board:-

10.1 **NOTED** the publication “Travelling with Dementia” by the Scottish Government Dementia Working Group;

### **AGREED**

10.2 the action plan for dissemination of the guidance and associated information with the region; and

10.3 to participation in the Thistle Card scheme, in conjunction with local transport providers, **NOTING** that the cost would be a maximum of £2,500 per annum.

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

### **Decision**

The Board **NOTED** that there was no business deemed urgent by the Chairman due to the need for a decision.

**PROCEDURE** - The Board **AGREED** to consider the following item of business in private and exclude the press, members of the public and Observers from the meeting given that the report contained confidential or exempt information as defined by the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973

## **12. UPDATE ON TENDER OF CONTRACTS**

Summary of the Report – This report updated the Board with regards to the operator licences of James King Coaches and ABC Travel Ltd, and the tender contracts operated by the firms.

**PROCEDURE** - An updated version of the report was circulated to Members

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**Decision**

The Board **NOTED** the further information on bus services in Wigtown and Stewartry areas