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## SOUTH WEST OF SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP

Meeting of Friday 14 November 2014  
at 10.30am in Dalry Town Hall, Main Street, St Johns Town of Dalry

### Present

### Members

<b>Tom McAughtrie</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>John Syme</b>	-	Dumfries and Galloway Council

### Officials and Advisers

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

### Apologies

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

### Observers

<b>Hugh McCreadie</b>	-	Lochside & Woodlands Community Council
<b>William Mainus</b>	-	Stagecoach Scotland
<b>Graham Whiteley</b>		

### In Attendance

<b>Allan Anderson</b>	-	Transport Scotland
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**1. SEDERUNT, APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

6 Members present and 2 apologies

**2. MINUTES OF MEETING ON 10 OCTOBER 2014****Decision**

**APPROVED**

**3. REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2014/15 FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2014****Decision**

The Board **NOTED** the forecast outturn on budget as at 31 October 2014

**4. CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAMME 2014/15****Decision**

The Board **NOTED** the position for the 2014/15 Capital Expenditure Programme and the issues arising which were the Lockerbie Rail Station improvements, the Scottish Station Fund studies and the purchase of Accessible Buses.

**5. EXTERNAL BOARD MEMBER REAPPOINTMENT PROCEDURES****Decision**

The Board, as part of the reappointment procedures, **AGREED** to adopt the "Assessment of Board Members Performance" template for the appraisal of External Board Members.

**6. DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY ACTIVE TRAVEL STRATEGY****Decision**

The Board **NOTED** the advice and information on the provision of an Active Travel Strategy for Dumfries and Galloway and **FURTHER NOTED** that the draft strategy would be presented to the Board at the 16 January 2015 meeting.

**7. SCOTRAIL FRANCHISE 2015 - 2025****Decision**

The Board:-

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7.1 **THANKED** Allan Anderson from Transport Scotland for his presentation on the Scotrail Franchise 2015 – 2025 (**Appendix**)

#### **NOTED**

7.2 that Transport Scotland's Electrification Strategy would be presented to the Board in the future;

7.3 the discussions on the issues raised which were: proposed service levels, the basis for the award of the contract, contractual financial penalties, the public service for private company ethos, opportunities for local suppliers, Scenic Rail Journeys and what this meant, concessionary fares for pensioners, fare disparities in upper Nithsdale in comparison to the SPT area, Kirkconnel Station accessibility issues and the geographical distribution of apprenticeships; and

7.4 that further information would be provided on many of the points raised, at the next Board meeting on 16 January 2015 as a presentation would be provided by Abellio Ltd, **FURTHER NOTING** that any further issues to be raised should be given to the Secretary to the Board by 30 November 2014 in order that these be provided to Abellio Ltd in advance.

### **8. HIGH SPEED RAIL AND WEST COAST MAINLINE – SWESTRANS POSITION**

#### **Decision**

The Board:-

8.1 **APPROVED** the position detailed in the statement, to be used in lobbying the UK and Scottish Governments in respect of their potential investments in High Speed Rail;

8.2 **REMITTED** the Lead Officer to use the statement when engaging with councils in Cumbria and the Scottish Government; and

8.3 **REQUESTED** that the Lead Officer contact the Director of Planning and Environment Services with a view to this matter being presented to a committee of Dumfries and Galloway Council in the near future.

### **9. ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORT STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN FOR SCOTLAND**

#### **Decision**

The Board **AGREED** the response to be submitted to the Scottish Accessible Transport Alliance on behalf of SWestrans as detailed in the report.

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

**11. LOCAL BUS SERVICES – CONSULTATION ON SERVICE LEVELS**

Summary of the Report – This report provided Members with an update on the consultation on two local bus services and sought agreement to award the contract.

The Board **AGREED**:-

11.1 that local bus service 221 Wanlockhead – Sanquhar – Kelloholm – Kirkconnel be provided at the existing level of contract from April 2015; and

11.2 that local bus service 380 Moffat – Beattock – Johnstonebridge – Lockerbie be provided at the existing level of service, with the addition of an early morning service from Moffat to Lockerbie, from April 2015.