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## SOUTH WEST OF SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP

Meeting of Tuesday 8 May 2018  
at 2.00pm, Dumfries and Galloway Council Offices, English Street, Dumfries

### Present

### Members

<b>Andrew Wood</b> (Chairman)	-	Dumfries and Galloway Council
<b>John Campbell</b>	-	Dumfries and Galloway Council
<b>Alistair McKinnon</b>	-	Scottish Enterprise
<b>Sean Marshall</b> (Substitute)	-	Dumfries and Galloway Council
<b>Ronnie Tait</b> (Substitute)	-	Dumfries and Galloway Council
<b>Adam Wilson</b>	-	Dumfries and Galloway Council

### Officials and Advisers

<b>Douglas Kirkpatrick</b>	-	Lead Officer
<b>Claire Rogerson</b>	-	Secretary to the Board
<b>Josef Coombey</b>	-	Policy and Projects Officer
<b>Kirsty Dunsmore</b>	-	Policy and Projects Officer
<b>Janet Sutton</b>	-	Finance Officer
<b>Rebecca Scott</b>	-	Graduate Trainee

### Apologies

<b>Richard Brodie</b>	-	Dumfries and Galloway Council
<b>David Bryson</b> (Vice-Chairman)	-	NHS Dumfries and Galloway
<b>David Stitt</b>	-	Dumfries and Galloway Council

### Observers

<b>June Hay</b>	-	Outdoor Access Forum
<b>Hugh McCreadie</b>	-	Lochside and Woodlands Community Council
<b>Frazer Smith</b>	-	Stagecoach Scotland
<b>Graham Whiteley</b>		

### In attendance

<b>Martin Brown</b>	-	Beattock Station Action Group
<b>David Formstone</b>	-	Thornhill Station Action Group
<b>Kenny Laidlaw</b>	-	Stagecoach Scotland

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**1. SEDERUNT AND APOLOGIES**

5 Board Members present, 3 apologies noting that Sean Marshall was substituting for Davie Stitt, and that Ronnie Tait was substituting for Richard Brodie.

In the absence of both Chairman and Vice-Chairman, John Campbell was nominated to chair the meeting until the Chairman arrived.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**NONE** declared.

**3. MINUTES OF MEETING ON 9 MARCH 2018**

**BOARD MEMBER** – Andrew Wood entered the meeting – 6 Board Members present

With the agreement of Board Members, Andrew Wood intimated that he was content for John Campbell to continue as chair through the next couple of items.

**Decision**

**APPROVED**

**4. MINUTES OF MEETING ON 17 APRIL 2018****Decision**

**APPROVED**

**5. COUNCILLORS CODE OF CONDUCT UPDATE****Decision**

The Board **NOTED** that an amended Councillors Code of Conduct had been laid before the Scottish Parliament for approval, which provided a specific exclusion for councillor members of Regional Transport Partnerships.

**PROCEDURE** – Andrew Wood resumed the role of Chairman

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## 6. CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAMME – LOCKERBIE STATION PARKING

### Decision

The Board

6.1 **NOTED** the current position with Phases 2 and 3 of the capital project which sought to improve car parking issues at and around Lockerbie Station;

### **AGREED**

6.2 in principle to develop option B of Phase 3 which would provide a draft layout of 125 spaces at Sydney Place / Bridge Street, noting that the progression of Phase 3 first would alleviate the impact of any progression of Phase 2 in the future;

6.3 to acknowledge all the options provided for Phase 2, and to engage with the community before determining to progress any option for further development; and

6.4 a vision which would support a better link in the future between the car park provided in the Phase 3 option and the station.

## 7. RAIL UPDATE

### Decision

The Board **NOTED** the update on the rail developments on the Rail Enhancement and Capital Investment Strategy, Local Rail Development Fund and the Transport Scotland Workshop.

## 8. STAG APPRAISALS UPDATE

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST** – Sean Marshall declared an interest by virtue of being the secretary to the Eastriggs Station Action Group and determined that his interest was such that there was no requirement for him to leave the meeting during consideration of this item.

### Decision

The Board **NOTED** the update on work towards developing potential rail station re-opening bids.

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## 9. LOCAL BUS SERVICE 101/102 DUMFRIES TO EDINBURGH

**PROCEDURE** – A letter from Scottish Borders Council to the Chairman of SWestrans was circulated to those present at the meeting together with an update on the options that prices would be sought (**Appendices 1 and 2**).

**PROCEDURE** – The Board were advised on an amendment to the report at 3.1 in that the tender would be issued following the board meeting and was not currently issued as stated in the report.

### **Decision**

The Board **NOTED** the procurement options being sought for the replacement of local bus service 101/102 Dumfries to Edinburgh

## 10. BORDERS TRANSPORT CORRIDOR UPDATE

### **Decision**

The Board **NOTED** the publication of the Draft Final Borders Transport Corridors Pre-Appraisal Report.

## 11. CONSULTATIONS

### **Decision**

The Board homologated the decision of the Lead Officer in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman and **AGREED**

11.1 the consultation response for “A Connected Scotland – Tackling Social Isolation and Loneliness and Building Stronger Social Collections” as shown in Appendix 2 of the report; and

11.2 the consultation response for the “Consultation on the use of section 19 and section 22 permits for road passenger transport in Great Britain” as shown in Appendix 3 of the report.

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

### **Decision**

The Board **NOTED** that there were no items of 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 excluded the press, members of the public and observers from the

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meeting given that the report contained exempt information in respect of paragraph 6,8, 9 and 10 of Schedule 7A of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, and therefore met the requirements of standing orders 25.3.1 and 25.3.3, that the press and public be excluded.

### **13. LOCAL BUS SERVICES - SUSTAINABILITY**

#### Summary of Report

This report updated the Board on negotiations with a bus operator sought to agree vehicle capacity and/or service level changes that allows them to operate within the existing annual contract rates.

#### Decision

The Board **AGREED** the service charges as shown in paragraphs 3.6.1 to 3.6.5 of the report to maintain the sustainability of the local bus network