

SOUTH WEST OF SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP

**Special Meeting of Tuesday, 17 April 2018 at 14.00pm, Room 2,
Council Offices, English Street, Dumfries, DG1 2DD**

Members of the Board

Andrew Wood (Chair)	- Dumfries and Galloway Council
David Bryson (Vice-Chair)	- NHS Dumfries and Galloway
Richard Brodie	- Dumfries and Galloway Council
John Campbell	- Dumfries and Galloway Council
Adam Wilson	- Dumfries and Galloway Council
Alistair McKinnon	- Scottish Enterprise
David Stitt	- Dumfries and Galloway Council

Future Meetings

8 May 2018	- Dumfries
29 June 2018	- Langholm
21 September 2018	- Kirkcudbright

Douglas Kirkpatrick

Lead Officer, South West of Scotland Transport Partnership

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**Special Meeting of Tuesday, 17 April 2018 at 2pm
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- 1. SEDERUNT AND APOLOGIES**
- 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
- 3. BOARD MEMBERSHIP** – Recommendations – note that Adam Wilson has been nominated as a SWestrans board member by Dumfries and Galloway Council, to fill the vacancy following the resignation of Jim Dempster from the board
- 4. 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 or exempt information in respect of paragraph 6 of Schedule 7A of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

- 5. LOCAL BUS SERVICES - SUSTAINABILITY** – Report to follow – For Board Members only

Douglas Kirkpatrick
Lead Officer
South West of Scotland Transport Partnership

Claire Rogerson
Secretary to the Board
South West of Scotland Transport Partnership

BOARD MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

1. Reason for Report

1.1 This report advises of the resignation of Jim Dempster as a member of the South West of Scotland Transport Partnership (SWestrans) Board on 19 March 2018.

1.2 Dumfries and Galloway Council considered the matter of a nomination for the vacancy on 29 March 2018.

2. Background

2.1 Previously Dumfries and Galloway Council agreed the nominations for this Board and substitutes at its meetings of 23 May 2017 and 26 September 2017.

2.2 SWestrans has requested that the Council when nominating Councillors to the Board, give consideration to the gender balance as guidance has been issued by the Scottish Government to Board Members of Public Bodies which outlines a clear aim of achieving a 50:50 gender balance on all public body Boards by 2020.

2.3 Further, at the meeting of 10 November 2017, the Board agreed that the Chairman write to the Chief Executive of Dumfries and Galloway Council, with regard to the requirement of the Public Boards (Scotland) Bill in that a policy approach may be helpful for the Council to assist in achieving a more gender representative SWestrans Board.

2.4 The Gender Representation on Public Boards (Scotland) Act 2018 came into force on 9 March 2018. The “gender representation objective” for a public board is that it has 50% of non-executive members who are women.

2.5 Schedule 1 of the act lists the public authorities that are introduced by section 2 (key definitions) of the act. This includes a Regional Transport Partnership (RTP) created under section 1(1) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2005 which would include SWestrans. Excluded positions in Schedule 1 for RTPs include councillor members, members appointed only by virtue of being nominated for membership by a health board and a member appointed only by virtue of being nominated by Scottish Enterprise. In terms of the act “non-executive member” in relation to a public authority means a position on its public board that is not an excluded position, or that not held by an employee of the authority.

3. Key Points

3.1 At its meeting on 29 March 2018 Dumfries and Galloway Council agreed that Adam Wilson be appointed as a member of the SWestrans Board.

3.2 There are now no vacancies for SWestrans Board Members or substitutes.

4. Consultations

This is a procedural report and the Lead Officer is in agreement with its terms.

5. Implications	
Financial	None.
Policy	None.
Equalities	Gender Representation on Public Boards (Scotland) Act 2018
Climate Change	None
Risk Management	None.

6. Recommendation
 Members of the Board are asked to note that Adam Wilson has been nominated as a SWestrans board member by Dumfries and Galloway Council, to fill the vacancy following the resignation of Jim Dempster from the board.

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