
SOUTH WEST OF SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP

Meeting of Tuesday 17 April 2018
at 2.00pm, Dumfries and Galloway Council Offices, English Street, Dumfries

Present

Members

Andrew Wood (Chairman)	-	Dumfries and Galloway Council
David Bryson (Vice-Chairman)	-	NHS Dumfries and Galloway
Richard Brodie	-	Dumfries and Galloway Council
John Campbell	-	Dumfries and Galloway Council
David Stitt	-	Dumfries and Galloway Council
Adam Wilson	-	Dumfries and Galloway Council

Officials and Advisers

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

Apologies

Alistair McKinnon	-	Scottish Enterprise
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1. SEDERUNT AND APOLOGIES

6 Board Members present, 1 apology.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

NONE declared.

3. BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Decision

3.1 **NOTED** that Adam Wilson had 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.

3.2 **AGREED** to commend Jim Dempster for his contribution to the work of the Board.

3.3 **NOTED** that the Gender Representation on Public Boards (Scotland) Act 2018 had come into force on 9 March 2018 and that the “gender representation objective” for a public board is that it has 50% of non-executive members who are women, **FURTHER NOTING** that all the positions on the SWestrans Board are excluded positions in terms of the act.

AGREED

3.4 that the aim to have a 50:50 gender representative board remained an objective recognising that would be likely be fulfilled over time.

3.5 further to the correspondence to Dumfries and Galloway Council, that the two external bodies Scottish Enterprise and Dumfries and Galloway NHS also be written to, so that the view of the board is known to those organisations when nominating members to the SWestrans Board.

4. 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 meeting given that the report contained exempt information in respect of paragraph 6 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.

5. LOCAL BUS SERVICES - SUSTAINABILITY

Summary of Report –

This report provided the board with an update on discussions with partner authorities on the future deliverability of the Dumfries to Edinburgh local bus service and sought agreement to a course of action.

This report also provided an update to the Board with information regarding the sustainability issues raised by two bus companies and sought agreement on a course of action to maintain local bus services, and provided an update on negotiations.

Decision

The Board **AGREED**

5.1 the text for the Bus News on local bus service 101/102 Dumfries to Edinburgh;

5.2 the Chairman writes to the Chief Executive of Scottish Borders Council seeking their review of the decision to reduce funding for the 101/102 Dumfries to Edinburgh local bus service.

5.3 the provision of a grant of £230,000 to a bus operator to purchase two low floor accessible buses for use on a local bus service;

5.4 the amendment to the 383 Lockerbie to Annan service from 10.5 returns to 9.5 returns to maintain a consistent Monday to Saturday timetable;

5.5 in principle, the service changes identified by one bus operator; and

5.6 to remit officers the development of final timetable proposals, in partnership with one operator, for consideration at the May 2018 board.