



PRESS RELEASE

Tayside and Central Scotland Transport Partnership Appoints New Board Member

The Tayside and Central Scotland Transport Partnership (Tactran) has appointed David Scotney as a new non-Councillor member of the Partnership Board. The appointment, which is initially for 2 years until 30 September 2012, has also been endorsed by the Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change.

In welcoming David to his first meeting of the Partnership on 14th September, Tactran Chair, Councillor Will Dawson said "I am delighted we have been able to attract someone of David's calibre to help guide and influence the work of the Partnership. David's blend of experience in helping shape transport policy and delivery, in both the public and private sectors, complements the wide-ranging expertise and knowledge of our existing Councillor and non-Councillor Board members. I look forward to working with him in developing our strategy for improving transport infrastructure and facilities in the Tactran region".

David Scotney added "I am very pleased to have been given this opportunity to play a part in developing the Partnership and its Regional Transport Strategy and look forward to working with other members of the Partnership Board and Tactran staff. My own experience is directly relevant to a number of the items which were under discussion at my first Partnership meeting and I intend to make a positive contribution in supporting all of the work of the Partnership and its officers, in moving forward the development and implementation of Tactran's Regional Transport Strategy".

David Scotney brings to his new role over 40 years experience of working in Transport Planning and Engineering within the public and private sectors. He previously worked with Basildon Council, Suffolk County Council, Tyne & Wear County Council, Lothian Regional Council and East Lothian Council, where he was Head of Transportation until 2000. He also played a leading role in establishing the forerunner to SEStran, the Regional Transport Partnership covering Edinburgh, the Lothians, Fife and Scottish Borders. From 2000 he worked within transport consultancy, retiring from this role in early August 2010.

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Tactran is the statutory Regional Transport Partnership covering the Angus, Dundee City, Perth & Kinross and Stirling Council areas. The Partnership Board has 15 Members, consisting of 10 Councillors – 3 each from Dundee City Council and Perth & Kinross Council and 2 each from Angus Council and Stirling Council – plus 5 non-Councillor members who are appointed on the basis of relevant experience of working at a strategic level in the public or private sector. Non-Councillor members are appointed through an open Public Appointments process.

Tactran has produced a Regional Transport Strategy (RTS), which is a statutory strategic plan setting out a Vision and Objectives for improving the region's transport infrastructure, services and facilities over the 15 years to 2023.

The RTS has been shaped and informed by analysis of the trends and issues facing the region and by earlier widespread consultation with key stakeholders. The strategy was formally approved by Scottish Ministers in June 2008.

The Tactran RTS Delivery Plan sets out the Partnership's delivery proposals for the 15 year period of the RTS. Tactran has also approved a Capital and Revenue Programme of schemes and measures which support development and delivery of the RTS in 2009/10 and 2010/11.

Further information on Tactran and the Regional Transport Strategy can be obtained and downloaded free of charge from the Partnership's website at www.tactran.gov.uk or by calling 01738 475775.