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Eric Guthrie  
Partnership Director  
Tayside and Central Scotland Transport Partnership

Dear Eric

**MEMBERSHIP OF REGIONAL TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIPS**

In line with the Regional Transport Partnerships (Establishment, Constitution, and Membership) (Scotland) Order 2005 the Minister for Transport recently appointed 28 non-councillor members of the seven RTPs. At the time of the appointments there was a lack of applicants with a health board background, but to ensure that health boards are involved in the partnerships the Minister for Transport and the Minister for Health would like health boards in your region to nominate one member or senior official to become a non-councillor member of the Partnership.

Non-councillor members are appointed on a personal basis, primarily to assist in the strategic work of the RTP, and not to engage in representational activities. They fulfil the kind of role that Non-Executive Directors have in other organisations. In accordance with the guidance on RTP Membership, the health board nominees will have to complete the attached application form. The purpose of completing the application form is to provide, and record, the evidence that the individuals do meet the criteria for RTP membership. Once the application is completed it should be forwarded to me, with a letter of endorsement from the Partnership, to allow me to put it forward to the Minister for his approval.

I would be grateful if you could let me have a nomination by Friday 4 August.

Yours sincerely

**IAN D KERNOHAN**  
Local Authority and Partnership Liaison Team Leader