

## DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY COUNCIL

Meeting of Thursday 14 May 2009  
at 10.30am in Council Offices, English Street, Dumfries

### Members

<b>Patsy Gilroy (Convener)</b>	- Dee
<b>Ivor A Hyslop (Leader)</b>	- Lochar
<b>Graham J Bell</b>	- North West Dumfries
<b>Ian Blake</b>	- Abbey
<b>Richard J Brodie</b>	- Annandale South
<b>Ted Brown</b>	- Annandale North
<b>Ian B Carruthers</b>	- Annandale South
<b>John A Charteris</b>	- Lochar
<b>Brian Collins</b>	- Castle Douglas and Glenkens
<b>Rob Davidson</b>	- Abbey
<b>Jim Dempster</b>	- Mid and Upper Nithsdale
<b>Iain W Dick</b>	- Stranraer and North Rhins
<b>Michael Dickie</b>	- Annandale North
<b>John Dougan</b>	- Stranraer and North Rhins
<b>Archie Dryburgh</b>	- Annandale East and Eskdale
<b>Peter Duncan</b>	- Castle Douglas and Glenkens
<b>Gill Dykes</b>	- Mid and Upper Nithsdale
<b>Grahame Forster</b>	- Wigtown West
<b>Alistair Geddes</b>	- Mid Galloway
<b>Allan Graham</b>	- Annandale East and Eskdale
<b>Roger B Grant</b>	- Annandale North
<b>Jack Groom</b>	- Nith
<b>Robert J Higgins</b>	- Wigtown West
<b>Thomas Jacques</b>	- Dee
<b>Jeff Leaver</b>	- Lochar
<b>Ian Lindsay</b>	- Annandale East and Eskdale
<b>Sandra McDowall</b>	- Mid Galloway
<b>Lorna J McGowan</b>	- Lochar
<b>Gail MacGregor</b>	- Annandale North
<b>David J McKie</b>	- North West Dumfries
<b>Jane Maitland</b>	- Dee
<b>Denis R Male</b>	- Annandale East and Eskdale
<b>Sean W Marshall</b>	- Annandale South
<b>John Martin</b>	- Nith
<b>Graham Nicol</b>	- Mid Galloway
<b>Ronnie Nicholson</b>	- North West Dumfries
<b>Ronnie Ogilvie</b>	- Annandale South
<b>George N Prentice</b>	- Castle Douglas and Glenkens
<b>Willie Scobie</b>	- Stranraer and North Rhins

**Colin Smyth** - Nith  
**Doug Snell** - North West Dumfries  
**Davie Stitt** - Abbey  
**John Syme** - Mid and Upper Nithsdale  
**Michael Thomson** - Abbey  
**Roberta Tuckfield** - Wigtown West  
**Alastair Witts** - Nith  
**Andrew S Wood** - Mid and Upper Nithsdale

**Alex Haswell**  
Director Chief Executive Service

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## 1. SEDERUNT AND APOLOGIES

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2. **DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY COUNCIL ECONOMIC ACTION PLAN –**  
Report dated 5 May 2009 by Corporate Director Planning Housing and Environment Services – *[Recommendation - Members are asked to: (1) approve the Council's Economic Action Plan (Appendix 1) which supports both the Single Outcome Agreement and the Regional Economic Strategy; and agree to circulate the Economic Action Plan for their interest to key stakeholders including the Local Economic Forum, Federation of Small Business, Chamber of Trade, Business Associations, VisitScotland, Community Initiatives and community planning partners; (2) approve the establishment of a Dumfries and Galloway Business Support Scheme with the primary purpose of safeguarding or minimising job losses and remit the implementation of the scheme to the Planning, Housing and Environment Services Committee; (3) approve the funding of £500,000 for the Economic Action Plan from the Council's budget to provide a Business Support Scheme for the financial years 2009/2010 and 2010/2011 with a focus on the priority sectors of tourism and food and drink; (4) agree to receive progress reports on the Scottish Parliament enquiry on the effects of recession and pressures on strategic choices for public spending in the Scottish Government during 2010/2011; (5) agree to remit to the Resources Committee responsibility for bringing forward the following proposals: increase the number of Modern Apprenticeships and generate match funding for the £100,000 budget; (6) note the emerging Employability Framework and agree to establish a Dumfries and Galloway Local Employment Partnership and remit the detailed implementation to the Corporate Policy Committee; (7) agree to remit to local Area Committees responsibility for hosting local economic summit events; (8) agree to remit to Resources Committee responsibility for introducing a three-year Capital Programme and enhanced arrangements for planning, monitoring and evaluating the Capital Programme, including the terms of reference for the Capital Officers' Working Group, and considering proposals for profiling the expenditure which are consistent with procurement protocols and in a way that would benefit the local economy; (9) note the actions to provide individuals with increased access to welfare rights and money advice through Fairer Scotland Fund, funding of £200,000 to Dumfries and Galloway Citizens Advice Service (DAGCAS) and £140,000 to the Benefit Maximisation Team during the financial years 2009/2010 and 2010/2011; (10) note the arrangements in place to appoint a Fuel and Energy Adviser as detailed in Appendix 2; (11) note the recently published guidelines for the Scottish*
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*Government Town Centre Regeneration Fund are due to be reported to the Planning, Housing and Environment Services Committee in May 2009; (12) note the work of the Stewartry Area Committee in addressing the economic downturn and the establishment of a Targeted Support Fund to community based economic initiatives; (13) note the Council has allocated £20 million for Strategic Roads investment and £20 million to support regeneration over the next ten years and proposals for this expenditure including issues of tendering and procurement are due to be considered by the Planning, Housing and Environment Services Committee in May and June 2009 respectively; (14) note the actions taken to accelerate the Council's arrangements for prompt payments to creditors with the aim of reducing the targets from 30 days to 20, then 15, then 10 by April 2010; (15) note the work being taken forward for the development of a Farmers' Market through Nithsdale Area Committee; and (16) note the Council's involvement and support to the Scottish Government's proposed Business Engagement event to be held in Dumfries in August as part of their Economic Recovery Programme.]*

3. **AUDIT OF BEST VALUE AND COMMUNITY PLANNING – DEVELOPING THE DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN** – Report dated 7 May 2009 by Chief Executive – *[Recommendation - Members are invited to:- (1) endorse the second draft of the Audit of Best Value and Community Planning Report Improvement Plan at **Appendix 3**; and (2) agree the methodology for increased Elected Member involvement as outlined in Section 12.2.]*
4. **FINAL DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT 2009-11** – Report dated 7 May 2009 by Director Chief Executive Service – *[Recommendation – Members are invited to consider and agree the final Single Outcome Agreement for 2009-11 as contained in **Appendix 2**.]*
5. **ARRANGEMENTS FOR JOINT MEETINGS BETWEEN THE POLITICAL GROUP LEADERS AND THE CORPORATE MANAGEMENT TEAM** – Report dated 7 May 2009 by Director Chief Executive Service – *[Recommendation – Members are asked to agree the arrangements for the joint meetings between the Political Group Leaders and the Corporate management Team as detailed in Section 10.]*
6. **STANDING ORDER 18 – SOCIAL WORK SERVICES COMMITTEE – 21 APRIL 2009 – SOCIAL WORK BUDGET CHALLENGE – REVIEW OF ACTIVITY 2008/09 AND PROPOSALS FOR FUTURE ACTION 2009/10** – Report dated 6 May 2009 by Director Chief Executive Service - *[Recommendation – Members are asked to:- (1) note that, in accordance with the provision of Standing Order 18, the report on the Social Work Budget Challenge – Review of Activity 2008-09 and Future Proposals Future Action Report previously considered by the Social Work Services Committee at its meeting of 21 April 2009 is referred to the Council for consideration as appropriate; and (2) consider the report (**Appendix 2**) .]*

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7. **STANDING ORDER 18 – RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 23 APRIL 2009 - IMPLEMENTATION OF REVISED MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS – COMMUNITY AND CUSTOMER SERVICES** – Report dated 6 May 2009 by Director Chief Executive Service - *[Recommendation – Members are asked to:- (1) note that, in accordance with the provision of Standing Order 18, the report on the Implementation of Revised Management Arrangements – Community and Customer Services previously considered by the Resources Committee at its meeting of 23 April 2009 is referred to the Council for consideration as appropriate; and (2) consider the report (**Appendix B**).]*
  8. **CAPITAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY – DEVELOPMENT BLOCK FUNDING 2009/10 TO 2011/12** – Copy to follow
  9. **CALENDAR OF MEETINGS – ADDITIONAL DATES FOR THE PERIOD JUNE 2009** – Report dated 5 May 2009 by Director Chief Executive Service – *[Recommendation - Members are asked to agree:- (1) to withdraw delegation from the Corporate Policy Committee; and (2) dependent upon the decision at 2.1, that a Delivering Excellence Seminar be arranged for Tuesday 2 June 2009 at 2.00pm or at the conclusion of Corporate Policy Committee.]*
  10. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CONVENER MAY DECIDE IS URGENT DUE TO THE NEED FOR A DECISION**