



**TAYSIDE AND CENTRAL SCOTLAND  
TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP**

**ANNUAL ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2018**

**AUDITED**

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# TAYSIDE AND CENTRAL SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP

## MANAGEMENT COMMENTARY

### 1. STRATEGIC CONTEXT AND OBJECTIVES

This publication contains the financial statements of the Tayside and Central Scotland Transport Partnership (Tactran) for the year ended 31 March 2018.

This management commentary outlines the key messages in relation to financial planning and performance for the year 2017/18 and how this has supported the delivery of strategic objectives. This commentary also looks forward, outlining the future developments for the Partnership and the challenges, risks and opportunities which it will face as it strives to further develop and implement connectivity solutions across the region.

Tayside and Central Scotland Transport Partnership (Tactran) is the statutory Regional Transport Partnership covering Angus, Dundee City, Perth & Kinross and Stirling Councils. Established under the Transport (Scotland) Act 2005 Tactran's main purpose is to prepare and coordinate the delivery of the statutory Regional Transport Strategy and to oversee and contribute to effective strategic transport planning and delivery at a regional level.

The original Regional Transport Strategy 2008 – 2023, approved by Scottish Ministers in June 2008, set out a Vision and Objectives for ensuring that transport infrastructure and networks meet the mobility and accessibility needs of people and businesses throughout the region over a 10 – 15 year period. In accordance with revised Ministerial direction given in 2008 the Regional Transport Strategy (RTS) is a “high level” strategy.

During 2015/16 the Partnership completed a refresh of the RTS following extensive consultation with partner Councils, Community Planning partners, Development Planning Authorities and other key stakeholders. This process included alignment of the RTS2 planning timescale with that for the second TAYplan Strategic Development Plan, which covers much of the Tactran region. The Regional Transport Strategy 2015 – 2036 Refresh was approved by Ministers in July 2015.

Implementation of the Strategy is guided by a supporting RTS Delivery Plan which identifies the key interventions and measures that are required nationally, regionally and locally to ensure effective delivery of the Strategy and realisation of the RTS overarching Vision and Objectives. The RTS Delivery Plan provides a strategic framework for determining Capital and Revenue programmes to support RTS delivery working in collaboration with partner Councils, Scottish Government, Transport Scotland and other delivery stakeholders.

Following approval of the RTS 2015 – 2036 Refresh a comprehensive review and updating of the RTS Delivery Plan was completed during 2016/17. This involved a process of engagement and consultations with partner Councils and other key stakeholders. The review of the Delivery Plan incorporated revised and new national, regional and local policies and strategies and included alignment with, and embedding of, priority interventions identified within all relevant national and local strategies including Single Outcome Agreements, Strategic Development Plan and Local Development Plan Action Programmes. The updated RTS Delivery Plan 2016-2021 was approved in June 2016.

Regional Transport Partnerships (RTPs) are statutory Community Planning Agencies and Tactran is committed to playing a full and constructive partner role in actively supporting Community Planning and the achievement of national and local outcomes, as demonstrated by progressive alignment of the RTS, the RTS Delivery Plan and our related policies and delivery priorities with the Community Plans covering our constituent Council areas. Tactran was a formal signatory to the 4 multi-agency Single Outcome Agreements (SOAs) which pre-dated the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 and is similarly committed to supporting the development and implementation of the new Local Outcomes Improvement Plans (LOIPs) and related Locality Action Plans/Programmes which will replace the former SOAs during 2018 under the 2015 Act.

The earlier review and updating of both the RTS and RTS Delivery Plan very specifically included alignment with supporting Community Planning objectives and priorities and ongoing development and implementation of the RTS and Delivery Plan moving forward will include ensuring continuing support for, and alignment with, the new LOIPs.

RTPs are also statutory Key Agencies in the Development Planning process. Tactran works closely with the 7 relevant Strategic and Local Development Planning Authorities within the region (TAYplan, Angus, Dundee City, Perth & Kinross and Stirling Councils, the Cairngorms National Park and the Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park) to ensure effective and appropriate alignment of strategic transportation and land use policy, plans and delivery.

RTPs are identified as “key players” in supporting achievement of national carbon reduction and other environmental objectives under the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 (CCA). A key element and focus of the RTS is to inform, support and enable partner Councils, CPPs, other public sector agencies, businesses and communities to contribute to CCA and wider environmental, health and wellbeing objectives and targets through more sustainable approaches to travel, transport, mobility and connectivity. From November 2015 the Partnership, along with other specified public bodies, has been required to comply with statutory annual Public Sector Climate Change Reporting requirements. At its meeting on 13 September 2016 the Partnership approved a Climate Change Adaptation Policy Statement in support of its Public Sector Climate Change reporting duty.

The Equalities Act 2010 sets out a General Equality Duty and requires specified public bodies, including RTPs, to publish and periodically update and report on progress in meeting equalities duties and obligations under the 2010 Act and related Equality Act 2010 (Specific Duties) (Scotland) Regulations 2012. Public bodies are required to publish 2-yearly a Mainstreaming Report, which sets out progress the authority has made to make the Equality Duty integral to the exercise of all its functions, and an Equality Outcomes Report setting out the results the authority aims to achieve in order to further the elimination of discrimination, the advancement of equality of opportunity and/or the fostering of good relations. The Partnership approved its updated Mainstreaming Report and Equality Outcomes Report in early April 2018.

### **Review of 2017/18 Developments and Achievements**

Each year the Partnership approves an annual RTS Revenue Programme which sets out the Partnership’s key development and delivery priorities for the financial year concerned.

During 2017/18 the approved RTS Revenue Programme, amounting to £269,101 supported a wide range of regional, local and national priorities including:-

- Ongoing development, monitoring and refresh of the RTS - £7,443
- Promoting enhancements to Strategic Connectivity, including development of options and requirements for a Regional Transport Model - £52,693
- Promoting and addressing relationships between Health and Transport, including exploring the potential for more sustainable approaches to NHS staff travel and continued contribution towards the costs of the Safe Drive Stay Alive road safety campaign in all 4 partner Council/ CPP areas - £21,305
- Promotion and development of Active Travel opportunities, infrastructure and training, including funding the continued appointment of an embedded Regional Active Travel Officer in partnership with Sustrans; appointment of a Regional Cycle Training & Development Officer in partnership with Cycling Scotland; undertaking a programme of Active Travel Audits in key settlements in the region; and contribution to annual cycle campaigns and promotions - £110,165
- Maintenance and development of the regional Tactran Liftshare website, national Travelknowhow Scotland and other Travel Planning resources, including funding organisations to develop and promote Travel Plan measures and initiatives through the Sustainable Travel Grant scheme in support of Climate Change Act objectives - £46,737

- Maintenance and promotion of the Thistle Assistance Card scheme on bus services and funding specification of a new Real Time Passenger Information system covering bus services in the Angus, Dundee City and Perth & Kinross Council areas - £7,091
- Undertaking rail passenger surveys at stations to support the development of a Regional Transport Model and assist in informing other rail proposals/projects including the Revolution in Rail proposals for significant enhancement to the ScotRail network, Highland Main Line timetable improvements, and the Perth Station Masterplan - £10,000
- Contribution towards the Stirling & Tayside Timber Transport Group's continued appointment of a Timber Transport Officer - £1,167
- Maintenance and ongoing development of the Tactran website and the regional multi-modal travel information portal [www.GoToo.com](http://www.GoToo.com) - £12,500

In addition to the above projects, the Active Travel partnership entered into with Sustrans secured a further annual funding allocation of at least £100,000 per annum from the national Community Links programme to support the development and provision of Active Travel infrastructure across the region. This funding is available to match-fund up to 50% of the cost of projects by bidding to the Partnership's Active Travel Grant Scheme. Owing to the success of the scheme in previous years an increased allocation of £107,462 from of Community Links grant funding was secured in 2017/18.

During 2017/18 the Active Travel Grant scheme supported:-

- Stirling Station Gateway study funding to Stirling Council - £40,000
- North Muirton Park redevelopment funding to Perth & Kinross Council - £34,200
- Riverside Docks cycleway funding to Dundee City Council - £18,262
- River Tay Way funding to Perth & Kinross Countryside Trust - £15,000

A significant and increasing proportion of Tactran staff time and resource is committed to supporting general Community Planning engagement and development in all four partner Council areas. At its meeting on 12 December 2017 the Partnership formally endorsed the new Local Outcomes Improvement Plans (LOIPs) for the Angus, Dundee City and Perth & Kinross Council areas and responded to consultation on the Proposed Stirling LOIP. In addition work continued on aligning the RTS Delivery Plan with emerging Community Planning Action Plans/Programmes.

The Partnership also continued to work with and support Development Planning Authorities, including supporting and commenting on the ongoing review and updating of Strategic and Local Development Plans. The Partnership Board receives regular reports on officer engagement in the various Development Planning processes and also comments formally at the key Main Issues Report and Proposed Plan stages for each Development Plan within the region and also on any related Supplementary Guidance.

During 2017/18 the Partnership responded formally to a number of Development Planning and other relevant consultations:-

- Proposed Dundee Local Development Plan 2
- Proposed Perth & Kinross Local Development Plan 2
- Cairngorms National Park Development Plan 2020 : Main Issues Report

Work continued on supporting the development of a City Deal for the Tay Cities region, covering Angus, Dundee, Perth & Kinross and North East Fife. A City Deal has also been developed for Stirling and Clackmannanshire. The emerging City Deals represent a significant new focus and opportunity to bring forward delivery of a number of key strategic connectivity priorities identified within the RTS and RTS Delivery Plan, in support of achieving the sustainable economic growth aspirations identified within City Deals and Regional Economic Strategies.

Further information on the Partnership's activity, the Regional Transport Strategy and our related RTS programme work can be obtained by visiting our website [www.tactran.gov.uk](http://www.tactran.gov.uk).

## 2. FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

During 2017/18 Transport Scotland progressed a comprehensive review of the National Transport Strategy (NTS), which will include a review of the future roles and responsibilities of Scotland's various national, regional and local transport authorities and agencies. The NTS review is scheduled for completion in mid-2019. This will be supplemented by a review of the Strategic Transport Projects Review (STPR2) which will have a national and regional focus in examining the key infrastructure investments and interventions required to ensure that the strategic transport network supports sustainable, inclusive economic growth objectives nationally and regionally. The STPR2 process will be aligned with a review of the National Planning Framework (NPF4), with both of these reviews commencing in 2018 and scheduled for completion by the end of 2020. Inputting to and influencing the respective NTS, STPR2 and NPF4 review processes and outcomes will be a key focus for the Partnership during 2018/19 and beyond. Completion of these national reviews will also require further review and updating of the RTS and RTS Delivery Plan to ensure continuing alignment in accordance with statutory requirements.

The Scottish Government introduced the Transport (Scotland) Bill on 8 June 2018, which sets out proposals for Low Emissions Zone Schemes; improving bus services, including the potential for transport authorities to provide local bus services; ticketing schemes and arrangements; parking and other matters. Many aspects of the Transport (Scotland) Bill will be of direct relevance and interest to the future delivery of the RTS and, potentially, the future role of the Partnership in influencing these matters.

A Planning Bill setting out proposed revisions to the Development Planning system and proposals for new methods of funding strategic infrastructure required as a result of development is expected to gain Parliamentary approval by the end of 2018. The relationships between this and the related policy and governance processes to be addressed through review of the NTS, STPR2 and NPF4 will have potentially significant impacts on the future role of the Partnership and its ability to deliver on the RTS.

In approving its Budget for 2018/19 the Scottish Government made a commitment to doubling national investment in Active Travel from approximately £40 million/annum to £80 million/annum for the remainder of the current Parliament. The Partnership places a significant emphasis on and prioritises promoting the role and use of Active Travel within the RTS and through its annual RTS Delivery Programmes. A number of our current initiatives, including the strategic alliances with Sustrans and Cycling Scotland and work on undertaking Active Travel Audits within key settlements, are intended to maximise the potential for leveraging additional regional benefit from the additional Active Travel funding to be provided by Scottish Government over the next 3 years, working with and supporting partner Councils, Community Planning partners and other relevant partners.

Community Planning Partnerships are continuing to develop their Local Outcomes Improvement Plans (LOIPs) and related governance/delivery structures in response to the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, and accompanying Locality Plans and related Action Plans/Programmes, across all 4 partner Council areas. Continuing to engage proactively, appropriately and effectively in supporting these processes, including ensuring continuing alignment with priorities identified in the RTS and associated RTS Delivery Plan, will continue to be a major focus for the Partnership.

As outlined above, a considerable and increasing focus has been supporting the development of a City Deal for the Tay Cities region, covering Angus, Dundee, Perth & Kinross and North East Fife, with a separate City Deal being developed for Stirling and Clackmannanshire. Continuing to support the work on developing and implementing the connectivity, inclusion and other elements of both City Deals will remain a significant focus moving forward.

During 2017/18 the Partnership approved and progressed implementation of a revised management and staffing structure, which is designed to ensure that Tactran is well positioned and appropriately resourced to continue to deliver its statutory role and responsibilities moving forward, whilst adapting to planned and anticipated internal and external changes, including the various ongoing national transport and planning reviews, implementation of the Community

Empowerment Act 2015, emerging City Deals and acceleration of the public sector shared/collaborative services agenda.

### 3. PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

Tactran has an approved Risk Management Policy and Risk Register which set out the key strategic and operational risks for the Partnership and associated management controls. The main areas of identified risk are in relation to RTS development and delivery; management and operation of the Partnership; and financial support and management.

The Risk Register is reviewed by Board members not less than annually, normally at the March quarterly Partnership meeting, to take account of any new or altered risks identified during the previous financial year and looking forward into the future financial year(s).

The principal strategic risk facing the Partnership, as identified through successive Risk Register reviews and Annual Audits, continues to be in relation to securing the necessary commitment and funding to support delivery of the RTS. The Partnership and its officers continue to seek and explore opportunities for leveraging external and match delivery funding through engagement with partner Councils, Community Planning Partners, Transport Scotland, Government and EU programmes, other RTPs and transport agencies and providers.

Since 2014/15 Tactran has partnered with sustainable transport charity Sustrans, which secures additional funding of at least £100,000 per annum, to support implementation of the RTS. A further minimum allocation of £100,000 grant funding for 2018/19 has been confirmed. During 2018 the RTPs submitted a proposal for development of a Regional Active Travel Development Fund to support the development of projects and measures capable of leveraging in delivery funding through the national Community Links, Smarter Choices Smarter Places and other relevant funding sources.

As outlined above, new delivery opportunities are emerging in the form of City Deals covering the Tay Cities region (Angus, Dundee City, Perth & Kinross and North East Fife) and Stirling City region (Stirling and Clackmannanshire). Moving forward it is expected that both City Deals will provide a new focus and opportunity to lever national, regional and local funding for the delivery of key Strategic Connectivity and other elements of the RTS, with Tactran positioned to play a key role in supporting the development and implementation of both City Deals and related connectivity proposals.

### 4. FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

This section is presented as a commentary on the overall financial position of Tactran as shown within the Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2018. It contains explanations of the major influences on the Partnership's income, expenditure and cash flow in line with the Statement of Accounting Policies which sets out the basis upon which the financial statements have been prepared and explains the accounting treatment of both general and specific items.

At its meeting on 14 March 2017, the Tayside and Central Scotland Transport Partnership Board approved the 2017/18 Core Revenue Budget of £415,631 of which £310,381 was met by Grant in Aid funding from the Scottish Government, miscellaneous other income of £2,230 and £103,020 was requisitioned from the four constituent Councils, using a Scottish Government allocation methodology based on 95% population and 5% area, as follows:

Angus Council	22.9%	£23,595
Dundee City Council	28.4%	£29,265
Perth and Kinross Council	30.3%	£31,210
Stirling Council	18.4%	£18,950
Total Council Requisitions	100.0%	£103,020

The Scottish Government also provided additional Grant in Aid revenue funding for the financial year 2017/18 for the Regional Transport Strategy of £212,369 and £67,004 of budgeted income from constituent Councils was brought forward from 2016/17 to fund key RTS priorities.

This resulted in a gross revenue budget for 2017/18 of £695,004.

During 2017/18, the Partnership Board received regular revenue monitoring reports to ensure members were fully appraised as to the projected outturn position.

The Partnership's final position for 2017/18 excluding accounting adjustments (£52,287) relating to pensions and provision for accumulated absences was a surplus of £130,476. Following Partnership Board approval this surplus has been designated as deferred income and carried forward to 2018/19.

	Budget £,000	Actual £,000	Variance £,000
Employee Costs	323	259	(64)
Property Costs	27	21	(6)
Supplies & Services	17	23	6
Transport	5	4	(1)
Third Party	323	422	99
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>695</b>	<b>729</b>	<b>34</b>
Scottish Government Grant	523	552	29
Council Requisitions	103	103	0
Deferred Income	67	(63)	(130)
Other Income	2	137	135
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>695</b>	<b>729</b>	<b>34</b>

The above table summarises the 2017/18 Budget approved by the Partnership Board, and provides the actual income and expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2018. The factors underlying the main variances are explained as follows:-

The partnership had a £64,000 underspend on Employee Costs for the financial year due to unusually high staff turnover during the year. A number of posts remained vacant until December 2017, pending a fundamental review of the Partnership's staffing needs and structure having regard to current and anticipated internal and external impacts. Vacant posts in the revised staffing structure approved by the Partnership were filled in the final quarter of the financial year and it is anticipated that the staff base will be relatively stable during 2018/19.

The overspend on third party costs of £99,000 is mainly due to expenditure related to the additional funding received during 2017/18 for Regional Transport Strategy (RTS) projects. Of note is the £107,000 Sustrans funding received for Active Travel Grant projects; the £30,000 Transport Scotland funding for Travel Planning projects; and £25,000 Sustrans grant brought forward from 2016/17. The additional expenditure on the RTS projects was offset mainly by a £55,000 underspend on the RTS Contingency budget, and a net underspend of £8,000 across a number of RTS projects.

The increase in the Scottish Government Grant relates to the income received noted above from Transport Scotland for the national Travelknowhow Scotland development within RTS Travel Planning projects.

The £135,000 variance in Other Income includes the additional £107,000 grant from Sustrans, and the £30,000 funding from Transport Scotland referred to above.

As a result of the underspend on Employee Costs and RTS projects, and the additional income for the RTS programme, the Partnership did not require the full requisitions due from the four constituent authorities. At the Partnership meeting of 12 December 2017 it was agreed that the final year end underspend would be used by the Partnership to support the 2018/19 Core and RTS Revenue Budgets. The final amount of deferred income to be carried forward to 2018/19



is £133,892, which comprises the £130,476 underspend for 2017/18 and a further £3,416 relating to adjustments for accruals from previous years.

The total surplus on the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement was £503,000 which reflects, International Accounting Standard 19 (Retirement Benefits) ("IAS 19"), the entries required in respect of pension costs and accumulated absences.

## **5. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT**

This statement sets out the framework within which governance and control is managed and reviewed. The main components of the system are listed, together with any significant weaknesses that have been identified and the remedial action taken.

## **6. STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS**

This statement sets out the main financial responsibilities of the Partnership and the Treasurer.

## **7. GENERAL FUND**

Currently the Partnership has, under the Transport (Scotland) Act 2005, no powers to hold a balance on the General Fund. Any under spends are therefore treated as creditors repayable to the funder or amounts received in advance from the funding source. During 2017/18 the Scottish Government consulted on Financial Accounting Arrangements for Regional Transport Partnerships (RTP) and the Transport (Scotland) Bill introduced in June 2018 contains provisions to align RTP financial flexibility with other public sector bodies.

## **8. CAPITAL EXPENDITURE**

During 2017/18, the Partnership did not incur any direct capital expenditure.

## **9. PENSION LIABILITY**

Under International Accounting Standard (IAS) 19 (Retirement Benefits), the Partnership is required to include in the Annual Accounts amounts relating to the assets, liabilities, income and expenditure of the pension schemes for its employees. Based on information provided by Local Government Pension Scheme Actuaries, it has been estimated that the Partnership had a net pension liability of £168,000 as at 31 March 2018. The estimated net pension liability at 31 March 2017 was £669,000.

The pension liability represents the best estimate of the current value of the pension benefits that will have to be funded by the Partnership through its constituent Councils. The liability relates to benefits earned in the Local Government Pension Scheme by existing or previous employees up to 31 March 2018.

These benefits are expressed in current value terms rather than the cash amount that will actually be paid out. This allows for the 'time value of money', whereby the value of cash received now is regarded as higher than cash received in, for example, ten years time, since the money received now could be invested and would earn interest or returns during the ten years. In order to adjust the pension liability cash flows for the time value of money a discount factor based on a corporate bond rate is used.

Triennial valuations of the Fund are carried out with the last valuation having taken place at 31 March 2017 resulting in the employer's contributions remaining at 17% of pensionable pay from 1 April 2018.

## **10. GOING CONCERN**

The Balance Sheet at 31 March 2018 shows net liabilities of £174,000. This net liability position reflects the inclusion of net pension liabilities of £168,000 falling due in future years and arising

from the application of IAS 19 (Retirement Benefits) and £6,000 for the application of the short term employee benefits accrual. It is appropriate to adopt a going concern basis for the preparation of the financial statements as the constituent authorities have a legal obligation under the Transport (Scotland) Act 2005 to provide the Partnership with funding to meet all liabilities as they fall due.

#### **11. PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENTS**

There are no prior period adjustments.

#### **12. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS**

No significant events occurred between the Balance Sheet date and the date the Treasurer signed the accounts that would have a material impact on the 2017/18 Annual Accounts.

#### **13. THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

##### **Expenditure and Funding Analysis**

The Expenditure and Funding Analysis shows how the funding available to the Partnership in the form of partner contributions has been used in providing services. This is compared to the cost of services on an accounting basis.

##### **Movement in Reserves Statement**

This statement shows the movement in the year on different Reserves held by the Partnership. This is analysed into 'Usable Reserves' (i.e. those that can be applied to fund expenditure) and 'Unusable Reserves'. The Partnership does not have statutory powers to operate a Usable Reserve.

##### **Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement**

This statement shows the accounting costs in the year of providing services in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices.

##### **Balance Sheet**

The Balance Sheet shows the value as at the Balance Sheet date of the assets and liabilities recognised by the Partnership. The net assets of the Partnership (assets less liabilities) are matched by the Reserves held by the Partnership.

##### **Cash Flow Statement**

This statement shows the changes in cash and cash equivalents of the Partnership during the reporting period. The statement shows how the Partnership generates and uses cash and cash equivalents by classifying cash flows as operating, investing and financing activities.

##### **Notes to the Core Financial Statements**

These notes are intended to provide the reader with further information which is not separately detailed in the core financial statements.

#### **14. REMUNERATION REPORT**

The Local Authority Accounts (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2011 require Regional Transport Partnerships to include a Remuneration Report in the Financial Statements. The Remuneration Report discloses information for each senior employee.

Partnership Board members receive no remuneration in relation to their appointment to the Partnership. Board members may claim reasonable expenses incurred in relation to their

participation in Partnership business. Expenses for Councillor Members are borne by the constituent Councils. Expenses paid to non-Councillor members are reported in Note 7: Members Allowances.

## 15. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

During the 2017/18 financial year the Partnership's financial position has undertaken regular scrutiny and strict budgetary control. We would wish to place on record our appreciation of the excellent work carried out by the Partnership's officers, supported by the officers of Perth and Kinross Council in the financial management of the Partnership and in the preparation of the 2017/18 Annual Accounts.

*Brian Gordon*

**Brian Gordon**  
**Chair of Partnership Board**  
**Tactran**

**25 September 2018**

**Scott Walker**  
**Treasurer**  
**Tactran**

**25 September 2018**

**Tom Flanagan**  
**Partnership Director**  
**Tactran**

**25 September 2018**

# TAYSIDE AND CENTRAL SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP

## MEMBERS AND OFFICIALS 2017/18

Tayside and Central Scotland Transport Partnership (Tactran) is a statutory body established under the Transport (Scotland) Act 2005. The Tactran region covers the Angus, Dundee City, Perth & Kinross and Stirling Council areas.

Tactran works with its partner Councils, Community Planning Partnerships, Development Planning Authorities, Scottish Government, Transport Scotland, transport providers and other key stakeholders to develop and enhance Scotland's transport infrastructure and services in support of promoting sustainable economic growth, social inclusion and environmental sustainability.

### PARTNERSHIP BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the Partnership is prescribed by the Regional Transport Partnerships (Establishment, Membership and Constitution) (Scotland) Order 2005. The Partnership Board consists of 10 Councillors who are nominated by partner Councils – 3 per Council from Dundee City and Perth & Kinross and 2 per Council from Angus and Stirling – plus 5 non-Councillor members.

Board membership during 2017/18 was:-

#### Councillor Members

##### Angus Council

Councillor Lynne Devine (to May 2017)  
Councillor Ronnie Proctor  
Councillor Bill Duff (from June 2017)

##### Dundee City Council

Councillor Bill Campbell (to May 2017)  
Councillor Will Dawson (Chair to May 2017)  
Councillor Brian Gordon (Chair from June 2017)  
Councillor Lynne Short (from June 2017)

##### Perth & Kinross Council

Councillor Mike Barnacle (to May 2017)  
Councillor John Kellas (to May 2017)  
Councillor Alan Livingstone (to May 2017)  
Councillor Alasdair Bailey (from June 2017)  
Councillor Bob Brawn (from June 2017)  
Councillor Andrew Parrott (from June 2017)

##### Stirling Council

Councillor Danny Gibson  
Councillor Alycia Hayes (to May 2017)  
Councillor Evelyn Tweed (from June 2017 to Sept 2017)  
Councillor Jim Thomson (from Sept 2017)

#### Non-Councillor Members

Non-Councillor appointments are made by the Partnership, subject to the consent of Scottish Ministers. Legislation permits the Partnership to appoint either 4 or 5 such members and the Partnership has agreed to appoint the maximum of 5 non-Councillor members. The non-Councillor members during 2017/18 were:-

**Mr Mark Craske** – Mark is Travel Manager for NHS Forth Valley and Chair of the Health Facilities Scotland Transport and Travel Planning Advisory Group. He was appointed as health sector representative on the Partnership Board with effect from April 2013.

**Ms Trudi Craggs** – Trudi was appointed to the Partnership Board in December 2014. She has extensive experience working as a leading transport lawyer in Scotland and advising on the development, planning and implementation of a number of major road, rail and general transport strategies and projects.

**Mr James (Doug) Fleming** – Doug was appointed to the Partnership Board in February 2009 and was appointed Deputy Chair of the Partnership in June 2012. He has over 45 years' experience in the transport industry including Managing Director level experience with Travel Dundee and the Stagecoach Group. Doug resigned from the role with effect from 30 September 2017.

**Mr Gavin Roser** – Gavin was appointed to the Partnership Board in March 2007. He has over 40 years' senior transport experience in road, rail and shipping companies and is a Director of Pantrak Transportation Limited and Secretary General to the European Freight and Logistics Leaders Forum.

**Mr David Scotney** – David was appointed to the Partnership Board in September 2010. He has over 30 years' experience of working in transportation policy development and planning in local government, in transport consultancy and in academia.

**Mr Bob Benson** – following the resignation of Doug Fleming with effect from 30 September 2017, Bob was appointed to the Partnership Board in November 2017. Bob has extensive public appointments experience and during his time with the Mobility and Access Committee for Scotland (MACS) and Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and in other capacities he has advised on and contributed significantly to addressing the needs of disabled and other users within the transport and connectivity sectors.

Non-Councillor member appointments are ordinarily for a period of 2 years, with extension subject to agreement by the Partnership Board. During 2017/18 the Partnership agreed to extend the term of appointment of Mark Craske until 30 September 2019, and Gavin Roser until 30 September 2018.

### **Advisors**

Regional Transport Partnerships may appoint such number of observers or advisors as they consider appropriate.

Key officials from each of the partner Councils attend and are available to advise Partnership Board meetings. Reflecting the key strategic relationships between regional transportation and land use planning, the Board has appointed the TAYplan Strategic Development Plan Manager as an advisor to the Partnership. Complementing the Active Travel partnership with Sustrans the Infrastructure Partnership Manager, Sustrans, has also been appointed as an advisor.

## **PARTNERSHIP STAFF**

### **Partnership Director**

Eric Guthrie was appointed Partnership Director in July 2006. He has nearly 40 years' experience working in local authority transportation policy, planning and delivery and previous experience of working in the bus industry. As the Partnership's Chief Officer, he is responsible for ensuring that the Partnership meets all of its statutory obligations and duties and for managing the Partnership and its resources. Following closure of the 2017/18 accounts, Eric Guthrie retired from the Partnership in June 2018 and Dr Tom Flanagan commenced employment as Partnership Director with effect from 1 July 2018.

### **Senior Partnership Manager**

Niall Gardiner was appointed as Projects Manager in October 2007. He has 30 years' experience working in transportation planning and engineering. Niall was promoted to the position of Senior Partnership Manager as part of a staff re-structuring in July 2016. He is responsible for managing the development and implementation of Regional Transport Strategy delivery programmes, in liaison with partner Councils, Community Planning Partnerships, Development Planning Authorities and other delivery stakeholders.

### **Senior Strategy Officer**

Jonathan Padmore took up the post of Senior Strategy Officer in January 2018. Jonathan joined from Stirling Council and has 25 years' experience working in transport planning roles for Stirling Council, St. Helen's and Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council's in Merseyside, Norfolk County Council and Aberdeen City Council.

### **Strategy Officer (Strategic Connectivity)**

Niall Moran joined Tactran in December 2017 from Perth & Kinross Council where he was a Transport Planning Officer within the Council's Strategy and Policy team. Niall has also worked for the Council's

Public Transport Unit that coordinates and manages the local bus network and home to school transport services.

### **Strategy Officer (Sustainable Transport)**

Graeme Brown started in the post of Strategy Officer for Sustainable Transport in January 2018. Graeme joined the team after a short period with the National Entitlement Card Programme helping develop smart and integrated ticketing initiatives. Graeme previously held the position as the Partnerships Manager for Sustrans helping develop active travel programmes and projects across Scotland.

### **Active Travel Officer**

Under the ongoing partnership arrangement with Sustrans, Nina Gillespie was appointed Active Travel Officer in January 2016. Nina is responsible for promoting the development and delivery of walking and cycling measures and infrastructure, including delivery of an associated regional Active Travel Capital Programme, working with partner Councils, Health Boards and other partners. Nina left Tactran in September 2017.

### **Cycle Training & Development Officer**

Under the partnership arrangement with Cycling Scotland, Marianne Scott was appointed Cycle Training & Development Officer in June 2016. Marianne is responsible for supporting the promotion and development of cycle training to encourage people of all ages, from nursery/primary school age through to adulthood, to cycle more easily and safely, in accordance with RTS and national active travel aims and objectives.

### **Office Manager / Personal Assistant (PA) to Director**

Ashley Roger was appointed Office Manager / Personal Assistant to the Director in January 2007. She has over 20 years office management / PA experience in the private and public sectors. Ashley is responsible for overseeing all aspects of office management and related administrative support to the Partnership's staff and members and providing PA support to the Partnership Director.

### **Administration Assistant**

Muriel Muirhead was appointed Administration Assistant in September 2008. She has previous administrative and clerical experience in the private and public sectors. Muriel is responsible for providing all aspects of clerical and administrative support to the Partnership's staff and members under the general direction of the Office Manager/PA to Director.

## **PROPER OFFICERS**

In accordance with statutory requirements the Partnership has appointed three Proper Officers who provide specialist corporate governance, financial and legal support and advice to the Partnership Board and Partnership Director. These are:-

### **Partnership Secretary**

Gillian Taylor is Head of Democratic Services with Perth & Kinross Council and is the Proper Officer for all matters relating to Partnership governance, meetings and proceedings, and for ethical standards.

### **Partnership Treasurer**

Scott Walker is Chief Accountant with Perth & Kinross Council and is the Proper Officer for all matters relating to financial probity, treasury management and reporting.

### **Partnership Legal Adviser**

Lisa Simpson is Head of Legal and Governance Services with Perth & Kinross Council and is the Proper Officer for all matters of a legal nature, including Execution of Deeds, and representing the Partnership in any legal or tribunal proceedings.

Further information on Tactran's membership and officer team can be found on the Partnership's website – [www.tactran.gov.uk](http://www.tactran.gov.uk)

# **TAYSIDE AND CENTRAL SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP**

## **ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2017/18**

### **1. Scope of Responsibility**

Tactran's aim is to develop a transportation system for the region covering the Angus, Dundee City, Perth & Kinross and Stirling Council areas, as outlined in the Partnership's updated Regional Transport Strategy 2015 - 2036 Refresh.

The Partnership is responsible for ensuring that its business is conducted in accordance with the law and appropriate standards, that public money is safeguarded and properly accounted for and used economically, efficiently, effectively and ethically. The Partnership also has a duty to make arrangements to secure continuous improvement in the way its functions are carried out.

In discharging these overall responsibilities, Members and Senior Officers are responsible for implementing proper arrangements for the governance of the Partnership's affairs, and facilitating the effective exercise of its functions, including arrangements for management of risk.

The Partnership has approved and adopted a set of governance documents which is consistent with appropriate corporate governance and relevant guidance. These documents are reviewed every 2-3 years with the last review taking place in November 2016 and approved by the Partnership Board on 6 December 2016.

This statement explains how the Partnership delivers good governance and reviews the effectiveness of these arrangements.

### **2. The Partnership's Governance Framework**

The governance framework comprises the systems, processes, culture and values by which the Partnership is directed and controlled and its activities through which it accounts to, engages with and influences the community. It enables the Partnership to monitor the achievement of its strategic objectives and to consider whether those objectives have led to the delivery of appropriate, cost-effective services. The framework reflects the arrangements in place to meet the six supporting principles of effective corporate governance.

- Focusing on the purpose of the Partnership and on outcomes for the community, and creating and implementing a vision for the local area;
- Members and officers working together to achieve a common purpose with clearly defined functions and roles;
- Promoting values for the Partnership and demonstrating the values of good governance through upholding high standards of conduct and behaviour;
- Taking informed and transparent decisions which are subject to effective scrutiny and managing risk;
- Developing the capacity and capability of members and officers to be effective;
- Engaging with local people and other stakeholders to ensure robust public accountability.

A significant part of the governance framework is the system of internal control which is based on an ongoing process designed to identify and prioritise the risks to the achievement of the Partnership's policies, aims and objectives. These risks are reported to the Partnership annually. This will enable the Partnership to manage its key risks efficiently, effectively, economically and ethically. While the system of internal control is designed to manage risk at a reasonable level it cannot eliminate all risk of failure to achieve policies, aims and objectives and can therefore only provide reasonable, and not absolute, assurance of effectiveness.

Within the overall control arrangements the system of internal financial control is intended to ensure that assets are safeguarded, transactions are authorised and properly recorded, and material errors or irregularities are either prevented or would be detected within a timely period. It is based on a

framework of regular management information, financial regulations, administrative procedures and management supervision.

The system of internal financial control can provide only reasonable and not absolute assurance that assets are safeguarded, that transactions are authorised and properly recorded and that material errors or irregularities are either prevented or would be detected within a timely period. The Partnership has previously agreed that regular internal audit scrutiny is not necessary for the scale of the Partnership but they will provide advice and guidance as and when required.

No specific governance improvement areas have been identified for 2017/18.

### **3. Determining the Partnership's purpose, its vision for the region and intended Outcomes for the Community**

The Partnership aims to develop a transportation system for the region covering the Angus, Dundee City, Perth & Kinross and Stirling Council areas, which will enable business to function effectively and provide everyone living in the region with improved access to health care, education, public services and employment opportunities. The vision for achieving this is outlined in the Regional Transport Strategy 2015 – 2036 Refresh.

The Annual Revenue Programme details the projects the Partnership is involved in and an update is reported to the Partnership Board on a quarterly basis. These projects link to the aims of the strategy and the Annual Report provides a report of performance against objectives, targets and performance indicators as outlined in the Regional Transport Strategy.

### **4. Review of Effectiveness**

The Partnership, which uses some of Perth & Kinross Council's financial control systems, has put in place arrangements detailed within the Partnership's Governance documents.

The review of the effectiveness of its governance framework is informed by:

- The operation and monitoring of controls by the Partnership Director, Proper Officers and managers;
- The External Auditors in its Annual Audit Report; and
- Other inspection agencies comments and reports.

Through the year Members and Officers have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the governance environment. These review mechanisms include:

- The Partnership Board provides strategic leadership, determines policy aims and objectives and takes executive decisions not delegated to officers. It provides governance accountability for the Partnership's performance.
- The Annual Audit Report is considered by the Partnership Board.
- The Risk Management System requires that risks are reviewed regularly by officers and annually by the Partnership Board. This ensures that actions are taken to effectively manage the Partnership's identified risks.
- The Legal Advisor is responsible to the Partnership for ensuring that agreed procedures are followed and that all applicable statutes and regulations are complied with.

The Partnership's financial management arrangements conform to the governance arrangements of CIPFA Statement on the Role of the Chief Financial Officer in Local Government (2010) as set out in the Application Note to Delivering Good Governance in Local Government.



## **5. Certification**

In compliance with accounting practice, the Treasurer has provided the Partnership Director with a statement on the adequacy and effectiveness of the Partnership's internal financial control system for the year ended 31 March 2018. It is the Treasurer's opinion that reasonable assurance can be placed upon the adequacy and effectiveness of the Partnership's internal control system.

From this year's review there is evidence that the governance arrangements are operating effectively with overall compliance by the Partnership in all significant areas of corporate governance.

Brian Gordon

**Brian Gordon**  
**Chair of Partnership Board**  
**Tactran**

**25 September 2018**

**Tom Flanagan**  
**Partnership Director**  
**Tactran**

**25 September 2018**

**TAYSIDE AND CENTRAL SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP**  
**STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS**

**The Partnership's responsibilities**

The Partnership is required to:

- Make arrangements for the proper administration of its financial affairs and to ensure that a designated officer has the responsibility for the administration of those affairs. For Tactran that officer is the Treasurer;
- Manage its affairs to secure economic, efficient and effective use of resources and safeguard its assets.

**The Treasurer's responsibilities**

The Treasurer is responsible for the preparation of the Partnership's Annual Accounts in accordance with proper practices set out in the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom ('the Code of Practice').

In preparing the Annual Accounts, the Treasurer has:

- selected suitable accounting policies and then applied them consistently;
- made judgements and estimates that were reasonable and prudent;
- complied with the Code of Practice.

The Treasurer has also:

- kept proper accounting records which were up to date;
- taken reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Annual Accounts present a true and fair view of the financial position of the Partnership at the accounting date and its income and expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2018.

**Brian Gordon**  
**Chair of Partnership Board**  
**Tactran**  
**25 September 2018**

**Scott Walker CPFA**  
**Treasurer**  
**Tactran**  
**25 September 2018**

# TAYSIDE AND CENTRAL SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP

## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT

### Independent auditor's report to the members of Tayside and Central Scotland Transport Partnership and the Accounts Commission

This report is made solely to the parties to whom it is addressed in accordance with Part VII of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 and for no other purpose. In accordance with paragraph 120 of the Code of Audit Practice approved by the Accounts Commission, we do not undertake to have responsibilities to members or officers, in their individual capacities, or to third parties.

#### Report on the audit of the financial statements

#### Opinion on financial statements

We certify that we have audited the financial statements in the annual accounts of Tayside and Central Scotland Transport Partnership for the year ended 31 March 2018 under Part VII of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973. The financial statements comprise the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement, Movement in Reserves Statement, Balance Sheet, Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) as adopted by the European Union, and as interpreted and adapted by the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2017-18 (the 2017-18 Code).

In our opinion the accompanying financial statements:

- give a true and fair view in accordance with applicable law and the 2017-18 Code of the state of affairs of Tayside and Central Scotland Transport Partnership as at 31 March 2018 and its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with IFRSs as adopted by the European Union, as interpreted and adapted by the 2017-18 Code; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, The Local Authority Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2014, and the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003.

#### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of Tayside and Central Scotland Transport Partnership in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Conclusions relating to going concern basis of accounting

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or

## **Independent auditor's report to the members of Tayside and Central Scotland Transport Partnership and the Accounts Commission (continued)**

- the Treasurer has not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about Tayside and Central Scotland Transport Partnership's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

### **Responsibilities of the Treasurer and the Partnership Board for the financial statements**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Responsibilities, the Treasurer is responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with the financial reporting framework, and for such internal control as the Treasurer determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Treasurer is responsible for assessing the Tayside and Central Scotland Transport Partnership's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless deemed inappropriate.

The Partnership Board is responsible for overseeing the financial reporting process.

### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to achieve reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

### **Other information in the annual accounts**

The Treasurer is responsible for the other information in the annual accounts. The other information comprises the information other than the financial statements, the audited part of the Remuneration Report, and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon except on matters prescribed by the Accounts Commission to the extent explicitly stated later in this report.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read all the other information in the annual accounts and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

## **Independent auditor's report to the members of Tayside and Central Scotland Transport Partnership and the Accounts Commission (continued)**

### **Report on other requirements**

#### **Opinions on matters prescribed by the Accounts Commission**

In our opinion, the audited part of the Remuneration Report has been properly prepared in accordance with The Local Authority Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2014.

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit

- the information given in the Management Commentary for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements and that report has been prepared in accordance with statutory guidance issued under the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003; and
- the information given in the Annual Governance Statement for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements and that report has been prepared in accordance with the Delivering Good Governance in Local Government: Framework (2016).

#### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

We are required by the Accounts Commission to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements and the audited part of the Remuneration Report are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- there has been a failure to achieve a prescribed financial objective.

We have nothing to report in respect of these matters.

Andrew Shaw, for and on behalf of KPMG LLP

Saltire Court,  
20 Castle Terrace,  
Edinburgh,  
EH2 1EG

28 September 2018

**TAYSIDE AND CENTRAL SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP**

**EXPENDITURE & FUNDING ANALYSIS**

**For the year ended 31 March 2018**

Gross expenditure	2016/17			Net income/ expenditure	Services	2017/18			Net income/ expenditure
	Adjustment between accounting & funding basis (note 3)	Gross income				Gross expenditure	Adjustment between accounting & funding basis (note 3)	Gross income	
£000	£000	£000	£000	£000		£000	£000	£000	£000
705	25	(690)	40	40	Highways & Transport Services	682	34	(689)	27
38	0	0	38	38	Corporate & Democratic Services	47	0	0	47
<b>743</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>(690)</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>Cost of Services</b>	<b>729</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>(689)</b>	<b>74</b>
0	15	0	15	15	Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure	0	18	0	18
0	0	(53)	(53)	(53)	Constituent Council Requisitions	0	0	(40)	(40)
<b>743</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>(743)</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>(SURPLUS)/ DEFICIT ON PROVISION OF SERVICES</b>	<b>729</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>(729)</b>	<b>52</b>
0	213	0	213	213	Remeasurements of the net defined benefit liability/(asset)	0	(555)	0	(555)
<b>743</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>(743)</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>729</b>	<b>(503)</b>	<b>(729)</b>	<b>(503)</b>

**TAYSIDE AND CENTRAL SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP**

**MOVEMENT IN RESERVES STATEMENT**

**For the year ended 31 March 2018**

	General Fund Balance	<b>Total Usable Reserves</b>	Accumulated Absences Unusable Reserves (see Note 5)	Pensions Reserve Unusable Reserves (see Note 5)	<b>Total Tactran Reserves</b>
	£000	<b>£000</b>	£000	£000	<b>£000</b>
Balance at 31 March 2016	0	<b>0</b>	(8)	(416)	<b>(424)</b>
<u>Movement in reserves during 2016/17</u>					
Deficit on provision of services	(40)	<b>(40)</b>	0	0	<b>(40)</b>
Other Comprehensive Expenditure and Income	0	<b>0</b>	0	(213)	<b>(213)</b>
<b>Total Comprehensive Expenditure and Income</b>	<b>(40)</b>	<b>(40)</b>	0	(213)	<b>(253)</b>
Adjustments between accounting basis & funding basis under regulations (note 4)	40	<b>40</b>	0	(40)	<b>0</b>
Increase in 2016/17	0	<b>0</b>	0	(253)	<b>(253)</b>
<b>Balance at 31 March 2017 carried forward</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	(8)	(669)	<b>(677)</b>
<u>Movement in reserves during 2017/18</u>					
Deficit on provision of services	(52)	<b>(52)</b>	0	0	<b>(52)</b>
Other Comprehensive Expenditure and Income	0	<b>0</b>	0	555	<b>555</b>
<b>Total Comprehensive Expenditure and Income</b>	<b>(52)</b>	<b>(52)</b>	0	555	<b>503</b>
Adjustments between accounting basis & funding basis under regulations (note 4)	52	<b>52</b>	2	(54)	<b>0</b>
Decrease in 2017/18	0	<b>0</b>	2	501	<b>503</b>
<b>Balance at 31 March 2018 carried forward</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	(6)	(168)	<b>(174)</b>

**TAYSIDE AND CENTRAL SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP**  
**COMPREHENSIVE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT**

**For the year ending 31 March 2018**

2016/17			2017/18				
<i>Gross Exp £000</i>	<i>Gross Income £000</i>	<i>Net (Income) / Exp £000</i>	<b>Note</b>	<b>Gross Exp £000</b>	<b>Gross Income £000</b>	<b>Net (Income) /Exp £000</b>	
<b>SERVICES</b>							
730	(690)	40		716	(689)	27	
38	0	38		47	0	47	
<b>COST OF SERVICES</b>							
768	(690)	78		763	(689)	74	
15	0	15	9	18	0	18	
0	(53)	(53)		0	(40)	(40)	
15	(53)	(38)		18	(40)	(22)	
40						<b>DEFICIT ON PROVISION OF SERVICES</b>	52
213						Remeasurements of the net defined benefit liability/(asset)	(555)
253						<b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE</b>	(503)



**TAYSIDE AND CENTRAL SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP**

**BALANCE SHEET**

**Year Ending 31 March 2018**

<i>As at</i> 31 March 2017 £000    £000		<b>Notes</b>	<b>As at</b> 31 March 2018 £000    £000
92 26 <hr style="width: 50%; margin-left: 0;"/>	Short Term Debtors Cash and Cash Equivalents	13 16	40 145 <hr style="width: 50%; margin-left: 0;"/>
<b>118</b>	<b>Current Assets</b>		<b>185</b>
(126) <hr style="width: 50%; margin-left: 0;"/>	Short Term Creditors	14	(191) <hr style="width: 50%; margin-left: 0;"/>
<b>(126)</b>	<b>Current Liabilities</b>		<b>(191)</b>
(669) <hr style="width: 50%; margin-left: 0;"/>	Other Long Term Liabilities	9	(168) <hr style="width: 50%; margin-left: 0;"/>
<b>(677)</b>	<b>Net Liabilities</b>		<b>(174)</b>
<b>Financed by Fund Balances and Unusable Reserves:</b>			
(669) (8) <hr style="width: 50%; margin-left: 0;"/>	Pensions Reserve Accumulated Absence	5 5	(168) (6) <hr style="width: 50%; margin-left: 0;"/>
<b>(677)</b>			<b>(174)</b>

The Unaudited Annual Accounts were issued on the 26 June 2018 and the Audited Annual Accounts were authorised for issue on 25 September 2018.

**Scott Walker CPFA**  
**Treasurer**  
**Tactran**  
**25 September 2018**

# TAYSIDE AND CENTRAL SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP

## CASH FLOW STATEMENT

Year Ending 31 March 2018

2016/17 £000		Notes	2017/18 £000
(40)	Net deficit on provision of service		(52)
	Adjustments to net surplus on the provision of services for non-cash movements:-		
(54)	Debtors (increased)/decreased by		52
34	Creditors increased by		67
40	Pension adjustments		54
0	Employee accrual		(2)
(20)	Net Increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		119
46	Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	6	26
<b>26</b>	<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>145</b>

# TAYSIDE AND CENTRAL SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP

## REMUNERATION REPORT

### (i) Remuneration Policy for Senior Employees

The Partnership Board determines initial remuneration for senior employees with reference to the level of responsibility of the post.

The Partnership does not operate a Remuneration Committee.

Annual inflationary increases are based on those agreed by the Scottish Joint Negotiating Committee for Chief Officials of Local Authorities (Scotland).

### (ii) Remuneration for Senior Councillors

Under current legislation Councillor Members of the Partnership are not entitled to receive any remuneration from Tactran. Remuneration would be made directly from their constituent authorities and this information would be disclosed within each constituent authority's remuneration report. Expenses paid to Board members are detailed in note 7 to the financial statements.

### (iii) Officers Remuneration

The Partnership has three Proper Officers who undertake tasks within their specialised areas, who earn in excess of £50,000 (Partnership Secretary, Treasurer and Legal Adviser), however all Proper Officers are employed and paid by Perth & Kinross Council and are not included within the Remuneration report. The Partnership is recharged a total of £9,000 by Perth & Kinross Council for these individual officers.

The number of employees whose remuneration, excluding employer's pension contributions, was £50,000 or more in bands of £5,000 was:

<i>Number of Employees 2016/17</i>	<b>Salary Banding</b>	<b>Number of Employees 2017/18</b>
1	£65,000 - £69,999	1
1	£50,000 - £54,999	1

### (iv) Senior Employees Remuneration

<b>Name and Post Title</b>	<b>Salary, Fees and Allowance</b>	<b>Total Remuneration 2017/18</b>	<b>Total Remuneration 2016/17</b>
Eric Guthrie Partnership Director	£67,494	£67,494	£67,384
	<b>£67,494</b>	<b>£67,494</b>	<b>£67,384</b>

The senior employee in the above table has overall chief executive officer responsibility and accountability for the strategic direction and management of the Partnership, to the extent that the person has powers and authority to direct and control the major activities of the Partnership, including activities involving the expenditure of money. He is also responsible for ensuring that the Partnership fulfils its statutory duties and obligations in line with priorities set by the Partnership Board during the year to which the Report relates, whether solely or collectively with other persons.

**(v) Senior Employees Pension Entitlement**

The pension entitlement of the Partnership senior employee is as follows:

Name and Post Title	In year pension contributions			Accrued pension benefits		
	2016/17 £000	2017/18 £000		As at 31 March 2017 £000	As at 31 March 2018 £000	Difference from 31 March 2017 £000
Eric Guthrie Partnership Director	11	11	Pension	33	3*	(30)
			Lump Sum	197	0	(197)
	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>				

\*The Partnership Board approved the flexible retirement of the Partnership Director with effect from 1 May 2016, and the subsequent deferral of full retirement from 31 March 2017 to 31 April 2018 in order to provide leadership and management continuity during the transition to a new Partnership Board. Full retirement of the Partnership Director was further delayed until 30 June 2018 pending the resolution of the arrangements for succession planning. The Partnership Director has therefore accrued further pension benefits during the period of flexible retirement.

**(vi) The number of Exit packages with Total Cost per band and Total Cost of Compulsory and Other Redundancies**

(a) Exit package cost band (including special payments)	(b) Number of compulsory redundancies		(c) Number of other departures agreed		(d) Total number of exit packages by cost band (b) + (c)		(e) Total cost of exit packages in each band	
	2017/18	2016/17	2017/18	2016/17	2017/18	2016/17	2017/18 £'000	2016/17 £'000
£0 – £20,000	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

All exit packages included in table (vi) above have been subject to a report approved by the Partnership Board. Exit packages were agreed under the Local Government Pension Scheme Rule of 85 and therefore have no costs attached to them.

**(vii) Audit Review**

All information disclosed within the tables is audited by the Partnership's appointed External Auditors. The other sections of the Remuneration Report are reviewed by External Auditors to ensure that they are consistent with the financial statements.

**Tom Flanagan**  
Partnership Director  
Tactran

**25 September 2018**

**Brian Gordon**  
Chairperson  
Tactran

**25 September 2018**

# TAYSIDE AND CENTRAL SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP

## NOTES TO THE CORE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### GENERAL PRINCIPLES

The Annual Accounts summarise the Partnerships transactions for 2017/18 and its position at 31 March 2018. The Partnership is required to prepare Annual Accounts by the Transport (Scotland) Act 2005, section 3 and section 12 of the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003 requires they be prepared in accordance with proper accounting practices. These practices primarily comprise the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2017/18, supported by International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

The accounting convention adopted in the Annual Accounts is principally historical cost, modified by the revaluation of certain categories of financial instruments.

#### ACCRUALS OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

Activity is accounted for in the year that it takes place, not simply when cash payments are made or received.

#### CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash is represented by cash in hand and deposits with financial institutions repayable without penalty on notice of not more than 24 hours.

In the Cash Flow Statement, cash and cash equivalents are shown net of bank overdrafts that are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the Partnership's cash management.

#### EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

##### Benefits Payable During Employment

Short-term employee benefits, such as wages and salaries, paid annual leave, paid sick leave and any non-monetary benefits for current employees are recognised as an expense in the year in which employees render service to the Partnership. An accrual is made against services in the Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services for the cost of holiday entitlements and other forms of leave earned by employees but not taken before the year-end and which employees can carry forward into the next financial year. The accrual is made at the remuneration rates applicable in the following financial year. Any accrual made is required under statute to be reversed from the General Fund Balance by crediting the Accumulating Compensated Absences Adjustment Account in the Movement in Reserves Statement.

##### The Local Government Pension Scheme

The Local Government Scheme is accounted for as a defined benefits scheme up to 31 March 2015. From 1 April 2015 the scheme changed to a career average scheme:

- The liabilities of Tayside Pension Fund attributable to the Partnership are included in the Balance Sheet on an actuarial basis using the projected unit method – i.e. an assessment of the future payments that will be made in relation to retirement benefits earned to date by employees, based on assumptions about mortality rates, employee turnover rates etc, and projections of projected earnings for current employees,
- The assets of Tayside Pension Fund attributable to the Partnership are included in the Balance Sheet at their fair value –
  - quoted securities – current bid price,

- unquoted securities – professional estimate,
  - unitised securities – current bid price,
  - property – market value,
- The change in the net pensions liability is analysed into seven components:
    - current service cost – the increase in liabilities as a result of years of service earned this year – allocated in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement to the services for which the employees worked;
    - past service cost – the increase in liabilities arising from current year decisions whose effect relates to years of service earned in earlier years – debited to the Surplus/Deficit on the Provision of Services in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement as part of Non Distributed Costs;
    - interest cost – the expected increase in the present value of liabilities during the year as they move one year closer to being paid – debited to the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement;
    - expected return on assets – the annual investment return on the fund assets attributable to the Authority, based on an average of the expected long-term return – credited to the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement;
    - gains/losses on settlements and curtailments – the result of actions to relieve the Partnership of liabilities or events that reduce the expected future service or accrual of benefits of employees – debited/credited to the Surplus/Deficit on the Provision of Services in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement as part of Non Distributed Costs;
    - actuarial gains and losses – changes in the net pensions liability that arise because events have not coincided with assumptions made at the last actuarial valuation or because the actuaries have updated their assumptions – debited to the Pensions Reserve;
    - contributions paid to Tayside Pension fund – cash paid as employer’s contributions to the pension fund in settlement of liabilities; not accounted for as an expense.

In relation to retirement benefits, statutory provisions require the General Fund balance to be charged with the amount payable by the Partnership to the Pension Fund or directly to pensioners in the year, not the amount calculated according to the relevant accounting standards. In the Movement in Reserves Statement, this means that there are appropriations to and from the Pensions Reserve to remove the notional debits and credits for retirement benefits and replace them with debits for the cash paid to the pension fund and pensioners and any such amounts payable but unpaid at the year-end. The negative balance that arises on the Pensions Reserve thereby measures the beneficial impact on the General Fund of being required to account for retirement benefits on the basis of cash flows rather than as benefits are earned by employees.

#### Discretionary Benefits

The Partnership also has restricted powers to make discretionary awards of retirement benefits in the event of early retirements. Any liabilities estimated to arise as a result of an award to any member of staff are accrued in the year of the decision to make the award and accounted for using the same policies as are applied to the Local Government Pension Scheme.

### **EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD**

Events after the reporting period are those events, both favourable and unfavourable, that occur between the end of the reporting period and the date when the Annual Accounts are authorised for issue. Two types of events can be identified:

- those that provide evidence of conditions that existed at the end of the reporting period – the Annual Accounts are adjusted to reflect such events;

- those that are indicative of conditions that arose after the reporting period – the Annual Accounts are not adjusted to reflect such events, but where a category of events would have a material effect disclosure is made in the notes of the nature of the events and their estimated financial effect.

Events taking place after the date of authorisation for issue are not reflected in the Annual Accounts.

## **GOVERNMENT GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS**

Whether paid on account, by instalments or in arrears, Government grants, third party contributions and donations are recognised as due to the Partnership when there is reasonable assurance that:

- the Authority will comply with the conditions attached to the payments and
- the grants or contributions will be received.

Amounts recognised as due to the Partnership are not credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Account until conditions attaching to the grant or contribution have been satisfied. Conditions are stipulations that specify that the future economic benefits or service potential embodied in the asset acquired using the grant or contribution are required to be consumed by the recipient as specified or future economic benefits or service potential must be returned to the transferor.

Monies advanced as grants and contributions for which conditions have not been satisfied are carried in the Balance Sheet as creditors. When conditions are satisfied, the grant or contribution is credited to the relevant service line (attributable revenue grants/contributions) in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.

## **FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

In the Notes to the Financial Statements, financial instruments are required to be shown at fair value. Fair value is defined as the amount for which an asset could be exchanged or a liability settled, assuming that the transaction was negotiated between parties knowledgeable about the market in which they are dealing and willing to buy/sell at an appropriate price, with no other motive in their negotiations other than to secure a fair price.

## **LEASES**

### Operating Leases

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement as an expense of the services benefitting from use of the leased property, plant or equipment. Charges are made on a straight-line basis over the life of the lease, even if this does not match the pattern of payments (e.g. there is a rent-free period at the commencement of the lease).

## **RESERVES**

Reserves are created by appropriating amounts out of the General Fund Balance in the Movement in Reserves Statement. When expenditure to be financed from a Reserve is incurred, it is charged to the appropriate service in that year to score against the Surplus/Deficit on the Provision of Services in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement. The Reserve is then appropriated back into the General Fund Balance in the Movement in Reserves Statement.

Certain Reserves are kept to manage the accounting processes for retirement benefits and accumulated absences do not represent usable resources for the Partnership – these Reserves are explained in note 4.

## VAT

VAT payable is included as an expense only to the extent that it is not recoverable from Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs. VAT receivable is excluded from income.

## 2. ASSUMPTIONS MADE ABOUT THE FUTURE AND OTHER MAJOR SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY

The Annual Accounts contain estimated figures that are based on assumptions made by the Partnership about the future or that are otherwise uncertain. Estimates are made taking into account historical experience, current trends and other relevant factors. However, because balances cannot be determined with certainty, actual results could be materially different from the assumptions and estimates.

The items in the Partnerships Balance Sheet at 31 March 2018 for which there is a significant risk of material adjustment in the forthcoming financial year are as follows:

### Pensions Liability

Estimation of the net liability to pay pensions depends on a number of complex judgements relating to the discount rate used, the rate at which salaries are projected to increase, changes in retirement ages, mortality rates and expected returns on pension fund assets. A firm of consulting actuaries is engaged to provide the Partnership with expert advice about the assumptions to be applied.

The effects on the net pension's liability of changes in individual assumptions can be measured. For instance, a 0.1% increase in the discount rate assumption would result in a decrease in the pension liability of £59,119 (£84,539 for 2016/17).

However, the assumptions interact in complex ways. During 2017/18, the Partnership's actuaries advised that the net pension's liability had reduced by £501,118 (2016/17 pension liability had increased by £253,000) due to an updating of the assumptions.

## 3. ADJUSTMENTS BETWEEN ACCOUNTING AND FUNDING

	<b>2016/17</b> <b>£000</b>	<b>2017/18</b> <b>£000</b>
Pension adjustment	40	54
Re-measurement of net defined benefit liability/(asset)	213	(555)
Accumulated Absence	0	(2)
<b>Total Adjustments</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>(503)</b>

## 4. MOVEMENT IN RESERVES STATEMENT – ADJUSTMENTS BETWEEN ACCOUNTING BASIS AND FUNDING BASIS UNDER REGULATIONS

This note details the adjustments that are made to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement recognised by the Partnership in the year in accordance with proper accounting practice to the resources that are specified by statutory provisions as being available to the Partnership to meet future capital and revenue expenditure.

The Partnership holds no Usable Reserves.



	<b>Movement in Unusable Reserves</b>	<b>Movement in Unusable Reserves</b>
	<b>2016/17 £000</b>	<b>2017/18 £000</b>
<b>Adjustments involving the Pensions Reserve:</b>		
Reversal of items relating to post employment benefits debited or credited to the Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement	(80)	(85)
Employer's pensions contributions and direct payments to pensioners payable in the year	40	31
<b>Adjustment involving the Accumulating Compensated Absences Adjustment Account</b>		
Amount by which officer remuneration charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement on an accruals basis is different from remuneration chargeable in the year in accordance with statutory requirements	0	2
<b>Total Adjustments</b>	<b>(40)</b>	<b>(52)</b>

## 5. BALANCE SHEET – UNUSABLE RESERVES

<b>31 March 2017</b>		<b>31 March 2018</b>
<b>£000</b>		<b>£000</b>
(669)	Pensions Reserve	(168)
(8)	Accumulating Compensated Absences Adjustment Account	(6)
<b>(677)</b>	<b>Total Unusable Reserves</b>	<b>(174)</b>

### Pensions Reserve

The Pensions Reserve absorbs the timing differences arising from the different arrangements for accounting for post employment benefits and for funding benefits in accordance with statutory provisions. The Partnership accounts for post employment benefits in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement as the benefits are earned by employees accruing years of service, updating the liabilities recognised to reflect inflation, changing assumptions and investment returns on any resources set aside to meet the costs. However, statutory arrangements require benefits earned to be financed as the Partnership makes employer's contributions to pension's funds or eventually pays any pensions for which it is directly responsible. The debit balance on the Pensions Reserve therefore shows a substantial shortfall in the benefits earned by past and current employees and the resources the Partnership has set aside to meet them. The statutory requirement on constituent Councils to meet the net cost of the Partnership will ensure that funding will have been set aside by the time the benefits come to be paid.

<b>2016/17</b>		<b>2017/18</b>
<b>£000</b>		<b>£000</b>
(416)	<b>Balance at 1 April</b>	(669)
(213)	Other Comprehensive Income	555
(80)	Reversal of items relating to retirement benefits debited or credited to the Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement	(85)
40	Employer's pensions contributions and direct payments to pensioners payable in the year	31
<b>(669)</b>	<b>Balance as at 31 March</b>	<b>(168)</b>

#### Accumulating Compensated Absences Adjustment Account

The Accumulating Compensated Absences Adjustment Account absorbs the differences that would otherwise arise on the General Fund Balance from accruing for compensated absences earned but not taken in the year. Statutory arrangements require that the impact on the General Fund Balance is neutralised by transfers to or from the Account.

<b>2016/17</b>		<b>2017/18</b>
<b>£000</b>		<b>£000</b>
(8)	<b>Balance at 1 April</b>	(8)
0	Amount by which officer remuneration charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement on an accruals basis is different from remuneration chargeable in the year in accordance with statutory requirements	2
<b>(8)</b>	<b>Balance at 31 March</b>	<b>(6)</b>

## 6. CASH FLOW STATEMENT – CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

The balance of Cash and Cash Equivalents is made up of the following elements:

<b>31 March 2017</b>		<b>31 March 2018</b>
<b>£000</b>		<b>£000</b>
26	Bank current accounts	145
<b>26</b>	<b>Balance at 31 March</b>	<b>145</b>

## 7. MEMBERS ALLOWANCES

The Partnership paid the following amounts to members during the year.

	<b>2016/17</b>	<b>2017/18</b>
	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>
Expenses	2	2
	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>

## 8. EXTERNAL AUDIT COSTS

The external auditor of the Partnership is appointed by the Accounts Commission for Scotland for a period of 5 years. The total fee payable in respect of the 2017/18 financial year for external audit services undertaken in accordance with the Code of Audit Practice is £9,500 (2016/17 £9,818). During 2017/18 the external auditor did not provide any other services to the Partnership other than the duties undertaken in accordance with the Code of Audit Practice.

## 9. PENSION SCHEMES

### Participation in pension schemes

As part of the terms and conditions of employment of its officers Partnership makes contributions towards the cost of post employment benefits. Although these benefits will not actually be payable until employees retire, the Partnership has a commitment to make the payments and this needs to be disclosed at the time that employees earn their future entitlement.

The Partnership participates in the Local Government Pension Scheme, administered locally by Dundee City Council which is a funded defined benefit scheme providing benefits based on career average earnings. The Partnership and employees pay contributions into a fund, calculated at a level intended to balance the pension's liabilities with investment assets.

### Transactions relating to post employment benefits

The costs of retirement benefits are recognised in the reported cost of services when they are earned by employees, rather than when the benefits are eventually paid as pensions. However, the charge which requires to be made is based on the cash payable in the year, so the real cost of post employment/retirement benefits is reversed out of the General Fund via the Movement in Reserves Statement. The following transactions have been made in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement and the General Fund Balance via the Movement in Reserves Statement during the year:

	<b>Local Government Pension Scheme £000 2016/17</b>	<b>Local Government Pension Scheme £000 2017/18</b>
<b>Costs of Services</b>		
Service Cost	65	67
<b>Financial and Investment Income and Expenditure</b>		
Net Interest on defined liability	15	18
<b>Total Post Employment Benefit Charged to the surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>85</b>
Remeasurements	(213)	555
<b>Total Post Employment Benefit Charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement</b>	<b>(133)</b>	<b>640</b>
<b>Movement in Reserves Statement</b>		
Reversal of net charges made to the surplus or deficit for the provision of services for post-employment benefits in accordance with the code	(40)	(52)
Employers contributions payable to scheme	40	31

Assets and liabilities in relation to post employment benefits

Reconciliation of present value of the scheme liabilities (defined benefit obligation):

	<b>Funded liabilities Local Government Pension Scheme 2016/17 £000</b>	<b>Funded liabilities Local Government Pension Scheme 2017/18 £000</b>
<b>Opening Balance at 1 April</b>	<b>2,308</b>	<b>2,701</b>
Current Service Costs	65	67
Interest Cost	80	72
Contributions by scheme participants	17	14
Change in assumptions	552	(349)
Estimated benefits paid net of transfer	(321)	(57)
<b>Closing balance at 31 March</b>	<b>2,701</b>	<b>2,448</b>
	<b>Assets 2016/17 £000</b>	<b>Assets 2017/18 £000</b>
<b>Opening Balance at 1 April</b>	<b>1,893</b>	<b>2,032</b>
Interest on assets	65	55
Return on assets (less interest)	339	57
Actuarial gains	-	150
Estimated benefits paid net of transfer	(321)	(57)
Employer contributions	40	31
Contributions by scheme participants	17	14
Administration Expenses	(1)	(1)
<b>Closing balance at 31 March</b>	<b>2,032</b>	<b>2,281</b>

The expected return on scheme assets is determined by considering the expected returns available on the assets underlying the current investment policy. Expected yields on fixed interest investments are based on gross redemption yields as at the Balance Sheet date. Expected returns on equity investments reflect long-term real rates of return experienced in the respective markets.

The annual gain on scheme assets in the year was £111,396 (2016/17: gain of £404,665).

Scheme History

	<b>2014/15 £</b>	<b>2015/16 £</b>	<b>2016/17 £</b>	<b>2017/18 £</b>
<b>Present Value of Liabilities</b>				
Local Government scheme	(2,303,974)	(2,308,430)	(2,701,267)	(2,448,476)
Fair Value of Assets in Local Government Pension Scheme	1,846,170	1,892,580	2,032,294	2,280,621
Deficit of the Scheme	(457,804)	(415,850)	(668,973)	(167,855)

The liabilities show the underlying commitments that the Partnership has in the long term to pay post employment (retirement) benefits. The total liability of £167,855 has an impact on the net worth of Tactran as recorded in the Balance Sheet, resulting in a negative overall balance of

£174,000. However, statutory arrangements which require the pensions funding deficit to be met by constituent Councils, mean that the financial position of the Partnership remains healthy:

- The deficit on the local government scheme will be made good by increased contributions over the remaining working life of employees (i.e. before payments fall due), as assessed by the scheme actuary.
- Funding is only required to be raised to cover discretionary benefits when the pensions are actually paid.

#### Basis for estimating Assets and Liabilities

Liabilities have been assessed on an actuarial basis using the projected unit credit method, an estimate of the pensions that will be payable in future years dependent on assumptions about mortality rates, salary levels, etc. Both the Local Government Pension Scheme and discretionary benefits liabilities have been assessed by Barnett Waddingham, an independent firm of actuaries, estimates for the Fund being based on the latest full valuation of the scheme as at 31 March 2018.

The principal assumptions used by the actuary have been:

		<b>2014/15</b>	<b>2015/16</b>	<b>2016/17</b>	<b>2017/18</b>
Expected Return		14%	(1%)	23%	5%
Longevity at 65 for current pensioners:					
Retiring Today:	Males	21.2	21.3	21.4	20.3
	Females	23.2	23.3	23.5	22.2
Retiring in 20 Years:	Males	23.4	23.5	23.7	22.1
	Females	25.5	25.6	25.8	24.1
Rate of inflation (RPI)		3.2%	3.3%	3.6%	-
Rate of inflation (CPI)		2.4%	2.4%	2.7%	2.3%
Rate of increase in salaries		4.2%	4.2%	3.7%	3.3%
Rate of increase in pensions		2.4%	2.4%	2.7%	2.3%
Rate for discounting scheme liabilities		3.3%	3.7%	2.7%	2.5%

#### Discretionary Benefits

The Discretionary Benefits arrangements have no assets to cover its liabilities. The Local Government Pension Scheme assets consist of the following categories, by proportion of the total assets.

	<b>31 March 2017</b>	<b>31 March 2018</b>
Equities	72%	69%
Gilts	0%	5%
Other Bonds	16%	12%
Property	10%	12%
Cash	2%	2%
Total	<u>100%</u>	<u>100%</u>

The actuary advised that gains and losses are estimated for each year but only calculated on an actual basis every 3 years.

The total contributions expected to be made to the Local Government Pension Scheme by the Partnership in the year to 31 March 2019 is £30,451.

## 10. TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

The four constituent Councils are related parties of Tactran, in terms of the Accounting Code of Practice, as councillors from each authority area serve as Board members of the Partnership. During 2017/18, the Partnership entered into a number of transactions with the constituent Councils and these are detailed as follows:

2016/17			2017/18	
Income From £	Payments To £		Income From £	Payments To £
<b>Angus Council</b>				
(12,157)	0	Tactran Requisition	(9,060)	0
(8,000)	0	Other Income	0	0
0	5,000	Third Party Payments	0	0
<u>(20,157)</u>	<u>5,000</u>		<u>(9,060)</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Dundee City Council</b>				
(15,079)	0	Tactran Requisition	(11,239)	0
(6,000)	0	Other Income	0	0
0	0	Supplies and Services	0	0
0	978	Third Party Payments	0	82,518
<u>(21,079)</u>	<u>978</u>		<u>(11,239)</u>	<u>82,518</u>
<b>Perth &amp; Kinross Council</b>				
(16,075)	0	Tactran Requisition	(11,978)	0
(122)	0	Interest Receivable	(219)	0
(8,288)	0	Other Income	(2,230)	0
0	1,133	Supplies and Services	0	8,728
0	16,672	Third Party Payments	0	39,743
0	25,000	Central Support Services	0	33,250
0	5,746	Property Costs	0	65
0	2,504	Transport Costs	0	2,151
<u>(24,485)</u>	<u>51,055</u>		<u>(14,427)</u>	<u>83,937</u>
<b>Stirling Council</b>				
(9,759)	0	Tactran Requisition	(7,271)	0
0	12,269	Third Party Payments	0	40,000
<u>(9,759)</u>	<u>12,269</u>		<u>(7,271)</u>	<u>40,000</u>

## 11. BALANCES WITH RELATED PARTIES

The four constituent Councils are related parties of Tactran, in terms of the Accounting Code of Practice, as both Tactran and the Councils are subject to common control by Central Government. The following balances existed between the Partnership and its related parties as at 31 March 2018.

<b>2016/17</b>		<b>2017/18</b>
<b>Amount Due To/(From)</b>		<b>Amount Due To/(From)</b>
<b>Received In Advance</b>		<b>Received In Advance</b>
<b>From</b>		<b>From</b>
<b>£</b>		<b>£</b>
	<b>Angus Council</b>	
9,445	Tactran Requisition	30,661
(8,000)	Other Income	0
<u>1,445</u>		<u>30,661</u>
	<b>Dundee City Council</b>	
11,713	Tactran Requisition	38,025
495	Supplies and Services	600
<u>12,208</u>		<u>38,625</u>
	<b>Perth &amp; Kinross Council</b>	
(82)	Interest (Receivable)/Payable	(135)
12,499	Tactran Requisition	40,569
(6,058)	Other Income	0
19,258	Staff Cost	29,503
0	Supplies and Services	8,206
<u>25,617</u>		<u>78,143</u>
	<b>Stirling Council</b>	
7,591	Tactran Requisition	19,899
0	Staff Cost	0
<u>7,591</u>		<u>19,899</u>

## 12. FINANCE AND OPERATING LEASES

### Partnership as Lessee

The Partnership held no assets on finance lease during 2017/18 (2016/17: None) and accordingly there were no finance lease rentals paid to lessors during 2017/18 (2016/17: None). The Partnership occupies office premises in Perth on an operating lease which commenced in November 2006. The lease was originally for a period of six years which was renewed in November 2012. A further 6 year extension to the lease was agreed in November 2015 with an increase in annual rent from £12,000 to £13,490.

The future minimum lease payments due in future years are:-

	<b>2016/17</b>	<b>2017/18</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Not later than one year	13,490	13,490
Later than one year and not later than five years	49,463	35,973
	<u>62,953</u>	<u>49,463</u>

### 13. DEBTORS

<b>2016/17</b>		<b>2017/18</b>
<b>£000</b>		<b>£000</b>
	<u>Current (Due within 1 year)</u>	
26	Central Government	21
14	Angus Council	0
7	Dundee City Council	0
14	Perth and Kinross Council	0
5	Stirling Council	5
26	Other Entities and Individuals	14
<u>92</u>		<u>40</u>

### 14. CREDITORS

<b>2016/17</b>		<b>2017/18</b>
<b>£000</b>		<b>£000</b>
15	Angus Council	31
19	Dundee City Council	38
38	Perth and Kinross Council	78
12	Stirling Council	25
42	Other Entities and Individuals	19
<u>126</u>		<u>191</u>

### 15. GRANT INCOME

The Partnership received the following grants and contributions:

	<b>2016/17</b>	<b>2017/18</b>
	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>
Scottish Government	523	523
Constituent Authorities	53	40
	<u>576</u>	<u>563</u>

### 16. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT BALANCES

Accounting regulations require that the “financial instruments” shown on the balance sheet be further analysed into various defined categories.

Financial liabilities and financial assets represented by loans and receivables are carried in the Balance Sheet at amortised cost. Their fair value can be assessed by calculating the present value of the cash flows that will take place over the remaining term of the instruments, using the following assumptions:

- the fair value of trade and other receivables is taken to be the invoiced or billed amount.

The fair value of an instrument is determined by calculating the Net Present Value (NPV) of future cash flows, which provides an estimate of the value of payments in the future in today's terms.



Fair value of Financial Assets carried at Amortised cost (Less than 12 months)

	<b>31 March 2017</b>		<b>31 March 2018</b>	
	<b>Carrying Amount £000</b>	<b>Fair Value £000</b>	<b>Carrying Amount £000</b>	<b>Fair Value £000</b>
Cash	26	26	145	145
	<u>26</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>145</u>	<u>145</u>

Nature and extent of risks arising from Financial Instruments

The Partnership's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks:

- (i) credit risk – the possibility that other parties might fail to pay amounts due to the Partnership;
- (ii) liquidity risk – the possibility that the Partnership might not have funds available to meet its commitments to make payments;
- (iii) market risk – the possibility that financial loss might arise for the Partnership as a result of changes in such measures as interest rates.

Credit Risk

Credit risk arises from deposits with banks and financial institutions, as well as credit exposures to the Partnership's customers. The Partnership places deposits with the Royal Bank of Scotland and Perth and Kinross Council.

The following analysis summarises the Partnership's potential maximum exposure to credit risk, based on past experience and current market conditions. No credit limits were exceeded during the financial year and the Partnership expects full repayment on the due date of deposits placed with its counterparties.

	<b>Amounts at 31 March 2018 £000</b>	<b>Historical experience of default %</b>	<b>Historical experience adjusted for market conditions as at 31 March 2018 %</b>	<b>Estimated maximum exposure to default and uncollectability £000</b>
Deposits with banks and other financial institutions	145	0	0	0
Customers	40	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Debtors

The Partnership does not generally allow credit for customers, such that no amount of the balance is past its due date for payment. The level of debtors can be analysed by age as follows:

	<b>31 March 2018 £000</b>
Less than three months	40
<b>Total</b>	<u><u>40</u></u>

### Liquidity Risk

The Partnership has deposits with both The Royal Bank of Scotland and Perth and Kinross Council, both of which are on-call with immediate access. Therefore, there is no significant risk that the Partnership will be unable to raise finance from these sources to meet its commitments under financial instruments.