

## **TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBER**

The recently established partnership group charged with looking at how best to improve transport planning across Tayside and Central Scotland has announced the appointment of a new Board Member.

Margaret Duffy, Chief Operating Officer and Director of Forth Valley Health Board, has been appointed by the Transport Minister to The Tayside and Central Scotland Transport Partnership (TACTRAN).

TACTRAN Chair, Councillor Alan Livingstone, said, "We are delighted to have someone of Margaret's undoubted ability and experience in the health sector joining our Partnership Board. Margaret will complement and strengthen the considerable experience embodied in the Board and will bring a new perspective to the Partnership as it continues to evolve and develop."

Partnership Director, Eric Guthrie, added, "TACTRAN's immediate priority is the preparation of a Regional Transport Strategy, which will be the subject of wide public consultation towards the end of the year. We are determined that the strategy will be comprehensive and wide-ranging in its scope and access to health, the impacts of transport on health, and greater encouragement of active travel modes such as walking and cycling are all likely to be key elements. I have no doubt that Margaret's expertise will be very useful in informing and guiding the Partnership's work. "

More information on TACTRAN can be obtained via the Partnership's website at [www.tactran.gov.uk](http://www.tactran.gov.uk).

### **Notes for Editors**

TACTRAN is one of seven statutory Regional Transport Partnerships which came into effect on 1 April this year under the Transport (Scotland) Act 2005 to take a strategic overview of transport planning and delivery on a regional basis. TACTRAN covers the Angus, Dundee City, Perth & Kinross and Stirling Council areas. Following public consultation, The Regional Transport Strategy will be submitted to the Transport Minister for approval by 31 March 2007.

The TACTRAN Board comprises representatives of the four constituent Councils (2 Angus Councillors, 3 Dundee Councillors, 3 Perth & Kinross Councillors and 2 Stirling Councillors) as well as 5 non-Councillor members, 4 of whom were appointed by the Transport Minister in April this year.

Non-Councillor members are appointed by the Transport Minister for a period of 2 years.

The Partnership Chair, Councillor Alan Livingstone, is also the Convener of Perth & Kinross Council's Enterprise & Infrastructure Committee.

The Partnership Director, Eric Guthrie took up post in mid-July, having previously worked in local authority public transport and transportation with Aberdeenshire Council and Grampian Regional Council.