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STSG Annual Conference 2008

Thursday 2 October, Teacher Building, Glasgow

Transport is one of the key spending areas of Government. This conference brings together leading experts and policy makers to review the challenges facing the sector, and the opportunities for new ways to secure the resources for transport delivery.

Local government faces funding challenges across many sectors. Infrastructure investment can appear less attractive since it often delivers benefits beyond the immediate electoral cycle. Single Outcome Agreements are being used to ensure that balanced progress is made, and the conference will debate how these agreements will change the balance of transport funding.

The conference will debate:

- Are transport spending levels consistent with sustainable (economic) development?
- Borrowing money, the role of banks, trusts and businesses
- How much should users pay, how much can we borrow, and can existing funding be used better?
- Who benefits from transport expenditure?
- Investing to save or storing up problems?
- User charges, tariffs and ticketing approaches
- Procurement, accountability and speeding up delivery
- How to pool skills and resources through partnerships

The conference will be free to STSG and TPS members (£200 for others). However free places are limited and must be reserved.

To reserve a place e-mail conferences@stsg.org stating your name, e-mail and postal address.

Speakers from

Grant Thornton, Price Waterhouse Coopers, Glasgow City Council, Lothian Buses, Biggart Baillie, East Dunbartonshire Council, CoSLA

Network with colleagues from: Local authorities, Transport Scotland, consultants, universities, regional transport partnerships

The conference will be essential for:

- Local and central government elected members and officers in transport, health, education and community planning.
- Business groups with an interest in infrastructure delivery
- Consultants facilitating fundraising and delivery.
- Academics to debate funding and investment challenges
- Financial services companies with interests in the transport sector



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Programme

- 10:00 Registration and Coffee
- 10:30 The new policy context for local transport investment – CoSLA
- 11:00 An overview of policies, opportunities and practice - Tony Rose, Price Waterhouse Coopers
- 11:30 Funding Scotland's Trunk Roads and Railways – William McWilliams, Grant Thornton
- 12:00 Innovative funding agreements in transport delivery – Neil Amner, Biggart Baillie
- 12:15 Panel Session/Discussion
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:00 Making the case for transport investment in Glasgow – Tony Hughes, Glasgow City Council
- 14:30 Funding transport and development improvements in East Dunbartonshire - Crawford McGhie
- 15:00 Transport consistent with Scotland's economic, social and environmental needs - to be confirmed
- 15:30 Revenue maximisation in public transport delivery – Ian Craig, Managing Director, Lothian Buses
- 16:00 Panel Session/Discussion
- 16:30 Close

Booking Information

Send bookings to admin@stsg.org, Secretary, Scottish Transport Studies Group, 26 Palmerston Place, Edinburgh, EH12 5AL.

Name _____ Position _____

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Please make cheques payable to Scottish Transport Studies Group.

Conference is free to corporate members of STSG and £200 for others. Free places are also available for Transport Planning Society Network members

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