**Meetings Feedback form for Borders Community Action Representatives**

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| **Name and purpose of meeting: Strategic Action Group**  |
| **Date of meeting: 07/06/24** | **Attended by:** * Juliana Amaral – Borders Community Action

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| **Organisation and role** | **Name** |
| Glenkens Community & Arts Trust | Helen Keron |
| Scottish Borders Council | Cllr Jenny Linehan (Chair) |
| SOSE - Chair | Professor Russel Griggs |
| SBC – Director of Infrastructure and Environment | John Curry |
| SBC – Place and Enterprise Manager | Graeme Johnstone |
| D&GC / SWestrans | Tom Flanagan |
| SWestrans | Grant Coltart |
| SOSE – Strategy Manager, Infrastructure and Investment | Tom Bishop |
| SOSE – Director of Strategy, Partnerships and Engagement | Karen Jackson |
| SEStran – Partnership Director | Brian Butler |
| NHS Borders – Head of Facilities | Fiona Laidlaw |
| Scottish Borders Community representative | Keith Dickinson |
| Borders Community Action | Juliana Amaral |
| Visit Scotland – Destination Development Director, South of Scotland | Gordon Smith |
| South of Scotland Destination Alliance – CEO | David Hope Jones |
| Third Sector D&G – Chief Executive, Glencairns Community Arts Trust | Helen Keron |
| SBC/ ESESCRD – Workforce Mobility Project Lead | Ewan Doyle |
| SOSE – Head of Energy Transition | Paul Wheelhouse |
| SOSE – Head of Economy and Insight | David Ford |
| SOSE / SOSREP – Secretariat | Louise Hann |

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| **Relevant agenda items:*** Membership of the Strategic Action Group Transport (SAGT)
* Re-set of the strategic action group for transport
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| **Comments:*** Membership of the Strategic Action Group Transport (SAGT)

Juliana enquired if Borders Community Transport has been included in the membership* SBC Strategic transport priorities

Scottish Borders Bus Network review: a presentation on the review undertaken between September 22 and June 2023Focus was placed on challenges in relation to financial pressures, increase in operating costs and opportunities around partnership work between SBC, NHS Borders and Borders College – to include community transport. * Active Travel –

Graham Johnston (SBC) provided an update on the active travel position, which is a Scottish government requirement for local authorities. Budget has been reduced despite active travel still being a priority for the Scottish Government. Tier 1 and 2 Funding to Local Authorities to enable capital investmentTier 3 cities and urban areas to support infrastructure supportTier 4 behaviour change Coast to Coast project in the south of Scotland, networks for walking cycling and riding. Connectivity between rail and bus, 20 minutes neighbourhoodNot enough revenue investment at the momentRural equivalent of the 20-minute neighbourhoodDevelopment of transport hubs * Workforce Mobility (Ewan Doyle)

EV charging across rural areas, a plan has been developed following stakeholder engagement. 230 charging points are required to be installed between now and 2030. Issues are gaps in the funding. Procurement strategy for EV infrastructure, aimed at creating economies of scale. Wider discussion around the procurement process, the challenges and the support required to develop this plan. Data Analysis – Bus patronage Data, Employee Postcode, Mobile Phone data, business accessibility data. Juliana raised the issue of older-aged demographics and representation in the data capturing tools used. The answer was that data is missing, Fiona Laidlaw from NHS Borders has been gathering some.Juliana left the meeting at 10 am.  |
| **Actions from this meeting:** * None
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| **Distribution list for information:*** Borders Community Action membership

**Signed: Juliana Amaral**  |