

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2009

In accordance with the requirements of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 and the Local Authority Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 1985 copies of the Accounts of the Dumfries and Galloway Council and the South West of Scotland Transport Partnership (SWestrans) for the year ended 31 March 2009 will be available for inspection at the following locations:

Dumfries & Galloway Council, English St, Dumfries DG1 2DD
Annan Area Office, Council Offices, High St, Annan DG12 6AQ
Kirkcudbright Area Office, Council Offices, Daar Rd,
Kirkcudbright DG6 4JG

Stranraer Area Office, Council Offices, Sun St, Stranraer DG9 7JJ

The Accounts will be available for public inspection from 9.30 am to 4.00 pm from Monday to Friday in each of the weeks commencing 27 July 2009, 3 August 2009 and 10 August 2009 and any interested person may take copies of extracts from it without charge.

Copies of the Accounts will also be made available during the aforementioned dates at each of the Council's Libraries including Mobile Libraries with the hours for public inspection being determined by the opening hours of each individual library.

During the period of public inspection the Accounts will also be available on the Council's web site at www.dumgal.gov.uk

In addition any interested person is entitled to inspect all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts relating to the Annual Accounts being audited. As it is administratively impractical to assemble all these documents in one location, inspection requests should be made to the Director of Support Services at the inspection point during the 15 working day statutory inspection period indicated above. Arrangements will then be made to make the appropriate documents available as soon as possible, at a mutually acceptable date and location.

Any interested person may object to the Accounts, or to any part thereof, by sending their objection in writing, together with a statement of the grounds on which they object, to the Controller of Audit, Accounts Commission, 110 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 4LH, to the external auditors Audit Scotland, 7th Floor, Plaza Tower, East Kilbride G74 1LW and to the Dumfries & Galloway Council or SWestrans and to any Officer of either body who may be concerned not later than 17 August 2009.

Where a person lodges such an objection, the Auditors shall, if requested, afford to that objector (or his representative and any Officer concerned) an opportunity of appearing before and being heard by the Auditors with regard to the objection.

Gordon Lawson, Director of Support Services & Treasurer