

# Notes of Meeting

TITLE:	Area Tourism Partnership Workshop
DATE:	5 <sup>th</sup> July 2006
VENUE/TIME:	SEDG, Solway House @ 09.30am
PRESENT:	G Hood, D Holland, I McLatchie, J Mitchell, M Scott, R Soutar, L Vickers, J Denerley, L Chambers, C McKenna
IN ATTENDANCE:	S Hellowell, L Walker, T Smeaton, A McColl, A Dewey, M Ellis
APOLOGIES:	M Hannay, T Fitzpatrick
CIRCULATION:	Those present, Apologies + J Smith, J Shearer, J Purdie, T Gillespie, R Grant, R Smith

	ACTIONS
<p>1. <u>UPDATES</u></p> <p><u>Competitiveness Strategy</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A briefing note on the above will be circulated by Tony Fitzpatrick.</li> </ul> <p><u>Events Challenge Fund</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One of the aims of the Challenge Fund is to help create sustainability for smaller groups and events.</li> <li>The 2<sup>nd</sup> round of awards across D&amp;G have now been completed and the 3<sup>rd</sup> round will be awarded in November 2006.</li> <li>VisitScotland have secured around 40% of the EventScotland regional event fund.</li> </ul> <p><u>Marine National Park</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Local Authority groups will meet to decide on how best to take this forward.</li> <li>The Solway Firth is 1 of 5 short listed and there is a long time frame on the decision but the designated area should be known by 2008.</li> <li>The Scottish Executive in conjunction with DGC will organise a series of Stakeholder meetings. The ATP Chair will attend along with VS Area Director.</li> </ul>	TF
<p>2. <u>ATP PLAN</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A first draft is being prepared and will be circulated for comment.</li> </ul>	
<p>3. <u>DATES OF NEXT ATP MEETINGS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Just a reminder of the dates for the next ATP Meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>19<sup>th</sup> September 2006 at 10.30 held at Solway House, SEDG.</li> <li>5<sup>th</sup> December 2006 at 10.30 held at SNH Offices, Carmen House, Crichton Campus.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<p>G Hood Chair 6 July 2006</p>	