

**BID STEERING GROUP MEMBERS****COSLA**

Sarah Bruce, Finance Policy Officer COSLA (alternative Vicki Lewis)

Gordon Edwards, Director of Finance, Aberdeen City Council

Mike Peterson, Head of Revenue with Edinburgh City Council

1 other local authority reps to be confirmed

COSLA, the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities, is the representative voice of Scottish local government and also acts as the employers' association on behalf of all Scottish councils.

**Scottish Retail Consortium (SRC)**

Fiona Moriarty, Director

Nick James (alternative)

The Scottish Retail Consortium (SRC) was launched in April 1999 as a retail trade association for the full range of retailers in Scotland, from the major high street retailers and supermarkets to a number of trade associations representing smaller retailers. As a sector, retailing in Scotland employs 252,000 people (one in ten of the workforce) in 28,700 outlets across Scotland, accounting for turnover estimated at £19 billion in 2002.

**Association of Town Centre Management (ATCM)**

Janie Reilly – previously Director of BID Pilot Project in England

ATCM is dedicated to helping town and city centres realise their natural roles both as prosperous locations for business and investment, and as focal points for vibrant, inclusive communities. ATCM is made up of a network of some 10,000 leading businesses, government agencies and professions. Together, this network enables a comprehensive exchange of ideas and expertise spanning a range of interests and skills represented in town and city centres.

**The British Property Federation (BPF)**

Sarah Wiggin, Portfolio Manager

The British Property Federation is a long established and well respected trade association which represents to Government the interests of the property owning and investing industry. The BPF's strategy seeks to identify those aspects of the Government agenda where the property industry could make a real difference.

**Scottish Chambers of Commerce (SCC)**

Bob Baldry, Consultant with Ocean Blue Consulting

The Scottish Chambers of Commerce is the umbrella organisation of the local Chambers of Commerce. It represents the common interests of Chambers at a national and international level. Collectively, Chambers in Scotland have an annual turnover of over £7.3 million and the current membership ranges from the country's largest companies to the smallest retail and

professional operations. Together Scotland's Chambers provide well over half the private-sector jobs in Scotland.

### **Scottish Enterprise (SEnt)**

Euan Dobson, Policy Officer  
Competitive Place Directorate

Scottish Enterprise is the main economic development agency for Scotland, covering 93 per cent of the population from Grampian to the Border. It consists of Scottish Enterprise and 12 Local Enterprise Companies. Working in partnership with the private and public sectors, they aim to secure the long-term future of the Scottish economy by making Scottish industries more competitive. Their priorities include commercialisation of academic ideas into good business opportunities, e-business, globalisation and economic inclusion. Scottish Enterprise is funded by the Scottish Executive.

### **Forum of Private Business in Scotland (FPB)**

Tony McRitchie, Surveyor

The Forum of Private Business, established in 1977, is a not-for-profit pressure group driven by its membership. The FPB offer a wide range of business solutions and benefits to help their members grow. They represent members business interests at local, national and European government levels and to key policy makers.

### **Federation of Small Businesses (FSB)**

Niall Stuart, Press & Parliamentary Affairs Officer

The FSB is a campaigning pressure group promoting and protecting the interests of the self-employed and owners of small firms. Formed in 1974, it has around 18,000 members across Scotland. Its lobbying arm applies pressure on MSPs, Ministers and the Scottish Executive, and puts the FSB viewpoint over to the media. The FSB is non-profit making and non-party political.

### **Boots Group**

Jane Scott, Director of Corporate Affairs  
Andy Godfrey (alternative)

Boots are one of the best known retail names in the UK, providing health & beauty products and advice that enhance personal wellbeing. They employ around 75,000 people and operate in some 130 countries worldwide. As well as retailing, they have international sales and marketing operations and also develop and manufacture their own products.

### **Royal Town Planning Institute**

Andy McCann, Planning Officer

The RTPI is a membership organisation, and a registered charity. Most of its members are fully qualified professional planners. Nearly two thirds work as planning officers for local councils. Others work for central government, for property developers and other organisations with significant landholdings, as consultants or as teachers and researchers in universities.

**Scottish Assessors Association**  
William Sommerville, President

The Scottish Assessors' Association is the umbrella body for all Assessors in Scotland.

**Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (Scotland)**

David Davidson, Deputy Head of RIC Scotland Commercial Faculty Board

RICS is the leading source of land, property, construction and related environmental knowledge. They support 110,000 members worldwide, promote best practice, represent consumers' interests and provide impartial advice to society, business, governments and global organisations.

**Scottish Executive**

David Henderson, Head of Local Government Finance Division

Nikola Plunkett, Local Taxation Team Leader

Billy McKenzie, BIDs and Council Tax Policy Adviser

Ken Jobling, Principal Planner

Donald Meldrum, Facilities and Estates

Peter Barlow, BIDs and Council Tax Policy Officer

The Scottish Executive is the devolved government for Scotland. It is responsible for most of the issues of day-to-day concern to the people of Scotland, including health, education, justice, rural affairs, and transport. The Executive was established in 1999, following the first elections to the Scottish Parliament. Executive civil servants are accountable to Scottish Ministers, who are in turn accountable to the Scottish Parliament.