

MOBILITY AND ACCESS COMMITTEE FOR SCOTLAND PUBLIC SERVICE REFORM (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010 DISCLOSURES

The following information is provided by the Mobility and Access Committee for Scotland (MACS) consistent with its obligations under sections 31 (duties to provide information on certain expenditure) and 32 (duty to provide information on exercise of functions) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010, the Committee having been listed in Schedule 8 to the Act as a public body subject to these provisions.

1. Public relations

1.1 MACS has spent £7,647.61 on public relations in the period 2018-19. The definition of public relations is taken to include all external communications, including the cost of in-house and contracted staff and consultants. Expenditure on public relations includes (for example) marketing, PR campaigns, media relations, marketing research and evaluation, branding and design, promotional events, external events, conferences and exhibitions, corporate communications, sponsorship, publications and printing, digital communications, advertising and media planning.

2. Overseas travel

2.1 MACS has spent nothing on overseas travel in the period 2018-19. The definition of overseas travel is taken to include all expenditure incurred on overseas travel by MACS members and secretariat on official business, covering travel to and from the United Kingdom, the cost of hotels, travel and subsistence and any other related expenditure.

3. Hospitality and entertainment

3.1 MACS has spent £904.23 on hospitality and entertainment in the period 2018-19. The definition of hospitality and entertainment is taken to include all expenditure on hospitality and entertainment incurred by the MACS within their budget as recorded in the accounting system in accordance with internal procedures.

4. External consultancy

4.1 MACS has spent nothing on external consultancy in the period 2018-19.

5. Payments with a value over £25,000

5.1 MACS has made no payments in excess of £25,000 in the period 2018-19.

6. Remuneration – Members and Employees

6.1 MACS has no direct employees. No member received remuneration in excess of £150,000 in the MACS in financial year 2018-19.

7. Statement of the steps taken by the Mobility and Access Committee for Scotland to promote and increase sustainable growth through the exercise of its functions in the period 2018-2019

7.1 The Committee acknowledges transport has a crucial role to play in contributing to the Scottish Government's purpose of sustainable economic growth and performs its functions bearing in mind both the Scottish Government's National Outcomes.

7.2 It considers the advice it provides to Transport Scotland and others ensures economic growth in Scotland is genuinely sustainable by ensuring disabled people can have access to the same facilities as others, including access to work. The Committee notes a recently instituted study by the UK Department for Transport setting out to quantify the economic impacts of improving accessibility of transport for disabled people and believes this will provide further evidence supporting its position.

7.3 In providing its advice, the Committee is conscious to enable and facilitate innovation and development in transport services and infrastructure, and is keen to learn of and disseminate good practice in this respect.

8. Statement of the steps taken by the Mobility and Access Committee for Scotland to improve efficiency, effectiveness and economy in the exercise of its functions in the period

8.1 The Committee is conscious of the Scottish Government's requirement that public services work with maximum efficiency, delivering maximum benefit to all the people of Scotland. The Committee strives to use its resources (time, expertise and money) in an efficient manner given the limited number of days each member has to work on Committee business.

8.2 The convener has leadership responsibility for regularly reviewing and continually developing the corporate governance (including structure) of the Committee and supports members (including those with workstream lead responsibilities) in developing their work so that efficiency, effectiveness and economy are primary objectives of all Committee work.