



**MINUTES OF THE EDAS AGM HELD TUESDAY, 11TH DECEMBER 2018, AT THE LIGHTHOUSE,
MITCHELL LANE, GLASGOW**

Robert Pollock welcomed all present.

AGM Business

1. To consider and approve Financial Accounts for Year to end 31 March 2018.

As required by the Companies Act 2006, a copy of accounts has been made available on our website and offered to members on request. Any queries will be noted and addressed to our accountants and personal responses issued to enquirer.

Statement from Treasurer, Donald Jarvie:

“The Directors are pleased to report that the organisation had a surplus in year of £2,902 (surplus in previous year: £2,479). Income was £69,657 and expenditure £66,695. In relation to reserves, the directors have considered that the ideal level of unrestricted reserves is sufficient to cover six months operating costs. At the year end, the reserves were £38,790 (2017: £35,888) and the directors are of the opinion that this is sufficient for the organisation. Any surplus cash flow during the year is re-invested in pursuit of the charity's aims and objectives. As a non profit body run by a voluntary Board of key economic development stakeholders, EDAS core mission is to promote the learning, knowledge exchange, skills and networking of the broad economic development sector. It is pleasing to note that the Board has further improved the CPD offering and that this is likely to be reflected in the income figures for the financial year 2018/19.

The directors have considered the major strategic business operational risks which the company faces and are have developed systems to ensure that risks to the charity are minimised.”

The accounts were proposed by Charlie Woods and seconded by Ishabel Bremner

2. To Consider and Appoint Accountants, Soroban – for the next year.

Members’ approval was sought to consider and appoint accountants, Soroban for the next year. Soroban’s continued appointment was accepted.

3. Election of Directors

RP asked for members' approval of the following:

- Isabel Bremner, Argyll and Bute Council and Charlie Woods, Scottish Universities Insight Institute, are both co-opted Directors and as such shall retire from office at the AGM but shall then be eligible for re-appointment under article 81, both have agreed to this;

- elected Director required to retire by rotation under articles 69 – 74:

Liz McEntee, GCVS

Liz McEntee has agreed to stand again

- Appointed since last AGM are:

David Baxter, City of Edinburgh Council

Nicola Douglas, Highlands and Islands Enterprise

Chris Kelly, EKOS

Hannah Smith, Scottish Renewables

- Resigned as Directors during the year were Geoff Leask and Fiona Fraser

This concluded the EDAS AGM 2018.

In closing the formalities, Robert Pollock highlighted that throughout 2018, membership grew from 2500 to over 2900 with a retention rate of 97%. EDAS's CPD offer expanded to cover, Professor Alan McGregor's delivery of two courses, An Introduction to Economic Development and Inclusive Growth; and Professor Graeme Roy's delivery of Monitoring, Appraisal and Evaluation.

Focusing on three themes, Brexit, Inclusive Growth and Regional Economic Partnerships, events have included -

Brexit - The Impact on the Scottish Economy with Scottish Government Chief Economist, Gary Gillespie.

What is the Future for Regional Funding and Policy, featuring Professor John Bachtler.

An annual conference in partnership with SLAED, centred on Reimagining Economic Development, involving, Cabinet Secretary Jamie Hepburn, Nora Senior, Jim Savege, Mike Cantlay.

We partnered with the IED on 'What's the Big Deal? – City and Growth Deals: Unpacking the Steps for Successful Planning and Delivery', learning from north and south – with input from Oonagh Gil, Graeme Roy, Nora Senior, Stephen Phillips, and Andy Pike, CURDS, Matt Cross of Invest Bristol and Bath, Andy Dean, Community Action Northumberland.

Launched in June, EDAS established the Inclusive Growth Community of Practice in partnership with Scottish Centre for Regional Inclusive Growth; since then running events looking at Inclusive Growth in Action, and Local and Regional Inclusive Growth.

Looking ahead, the focus continues on Brexit, Regional Economic Partnerships and Inclusive Growth, potentially considering tourism in this context; ensuring economic benefits of tourism reach all areas of Scotland.

As a Scotland wide membership organisation, more collaborative work is planned in Highlands and Islands and South of Scotland.

There followed a presentation on the Future of Scottish Enterprise by Scottish Enterprise Chief Executive, Steve Dunlop. This part of the meeting followed Chatham House Rules.

APPENDIX 1

PARTICIPANTS

David	Baxter	Senior Housing Development Officer	City of Edinburgh Council
Elaine	Bone	Executive Officer	EDAS
Ishabel	Bremner	Development and Infrastructure Services	Argyll & Bute Council
Chris	Brodie	Head of Skills Planning and Sector Development	Skills Development Scotland
Richard	Cairns	Executive Director, Infrastructure & Regeneration	West Dunbartonshire Council
Nicola	Douglas	Regional Head of Business Growth, Entrepreneurship and Programmes	Highlands and Islands Enterprise
Steve	Dunlop	Chief Executive	Scottish Enterprise
Jean	Hamilton	Director	Jean Hamilton Limited
Sarah	Hazzard	Senior Engineering Advisor	EY
Liam	Gleeson	Graduate Economist	Peter Brett Associates
Kay	Greenshields	Manager	EY
Donald	Jarvie	Board Member	EDAS
Chris	Kelly	Director	EKOS
Gordon	Kennedy	Director	Clearbluewater 2.0 Ltd
Susan	Love	Policy Manager	FSB Scotland
Hazel	Mackie	Principal Officer	Falkirk Council
Lesley	Martin	RSA Fellowship Councillor	RSA
Liz	McEntee	Director of External Affairs	GCVS
Andrew	McGuire	Head of Improving Outcomes	Improvement Service
Brian	McLeish	Engagement Partner	Scottish Enterprise
Ewan	Mearns	Strategy Partner	Scottish Enterprise
Anne	Meikle	Gender Equality Consultant	Ceartha Associates Ltd
Robert	Pollock	Chair	EDAS
George	Sneddon	Service Manager, Economic Development	Fife Council
Grant	Thoms	Principal	Grant Thoms Projects

Colin	Turnbull	Senior Manager	Scottish Enterprise
Charlie	Woods	Director	Scottish Universities Insight Institute

Apologies

Suzanne	Hamilton	Frontline
Bill	Harvey	Scotland's Improvement Districts
Karen	Hay	EKOS
Geoff	Leask	Young Enterprise Scotland
Keith	Winter	Fife Council