



## **MINUTES OF THE EDAS AGM HELD THURSDAY, 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2019, AT BURNES PAULL, EDINBURGH**

Robert Pollock, Chair of EDAS, welcomed all present.

Stephen Phillips welcomed guests to Burness Paull and acknowledged the positive space provided by EDAS for discussion. He noted that there are three key areas of focus to consider within economic development in Scotland namely wellbeing economics, uncertainty with Brexit and climate change and the growth of partnership working across public, private and the third sectors.

### **EDAS AGM Business**

The Minutes of the 2018 AGM, as well as the Financial Accounts for Year to end 31 March 2019 are available in the Publications area of [our website](#).

#### **1. To consider and approve Financial Accounts for Year to end 31 March 2019.**

As required by the Companies Act 2006, a copy of accounts has been made available on our website and offered to members on request.

Financial Statement:

“The organisation had a surplus in year of £14,468 ( 2018: £2,902). The surplus arose on unrestricted reserves, there was no surplus or deficit on restricted reserves (2018:0).

In relation to reserves, the trustees have considered that the ideal level of unrestricted reserves would be sufficient to cover six months operating costs. EDAS has taken the opportunity during the year to further strengthen its reserves position and they now stand at £53,258 (2018: £38,790) and the trustees are of the opinion that this is sufficient for the organisation.

The charity does not hold any investments. Any surplus cash flow during the year is re-invested in pursuit of the charity's aims and objectives.

The trustees have considered the major strategic business operational risks which the company faces and are in the process of developing systems to ensure that risks to the charity are minimised.”

The accounts were accepted.

## **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**

Members' approval of the following appointments was accepted.

- Ishabel 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 Directors required to retire by rotation under articles 69 – 74:
  - Stuart Black
  - Suzanne Hamilton
  - Donald Jarvie
  - Susan Love
  - Robert Pollock
- Appointed since last AGM:
  - Linda Christie
- Resigned as Directors during the year were David Baxter and Hazel Mackie.
  - RP expressed thanks to them for their valued contribution.

This concluded the formal aspects of the EDAS AGM 2019.

In closing the formalities, Robert Pollock highlighted the strength of EDAS membership and service offering - events, CPD (Inclusive Growth, Introduction to Economic Development, Appraisal Monitoring and Evaluation with an Advanced version of the latter taking place in the New Year.), policy, quarterly parliamentary briefing, networking opportunities. Further details of EDAS's progress and offering over 2019 are appended below.

## **4. Ambitions for Scotland's Future**

There followed a presentation on Ambitions for Scotland's Future with guest speakers, Linda Murray, Director of Strategy, Scottish Enterprise and Paul Zealey, West Regional Skills Planning Lead, Skills Development Scotland. With panel guests Susan Love, Policy Manager, FSB Scotland and Liz McEntee, Head of External Affairs, GCVS. This panel discussion followed Chatham House Rules. However, guest speakers' presentations can be downloaded from our website using the below link.

[Ambitions for Scotland's Future Event presentation with Scottish Enterprise and Skills Development Scotland.](#)

## APPENDIX 1

### PARTICIPANTS

Susan	Beattie	Susan Beattie Consulting
Elaine	Bone	EDAS
Joan	Gordon	Scottish Enterprise
Jean	Hamilton	Jean Hamilton Ltd
Suzanne	Hamilton	Frontline Consultants
Donald	Jarvie	EDAS
Alison	Jones	EDAS
Kara	Lindsay	The Prince's Trust
Susan	Love	FSB Scotland
Ross	Mackenzie	Dundee City Council
Ian	Marr	The Growth Partnership
Liz	McEntee	GCVS
David	McLay	Scottish Enterprise
Brian	McLeish	Scottish Enterprise
Ewan	Mearns	Scottish Enterprise
Sharon	Miller	Scottish Government
Gordon	Mole	Fife Council
Linda	Murray	Scottish Enterprise
Alison	O'Connor	SPICe, Scottish Parliament
Stephen	Phillips	Burness Paull LLP
Robert	Pollock	EDAS
Ryan	Taylor	The Prince's Trust
Charlie	Woods	Scottish Universities Insight Institute
Paul	Zealey	Skills Development Scotland

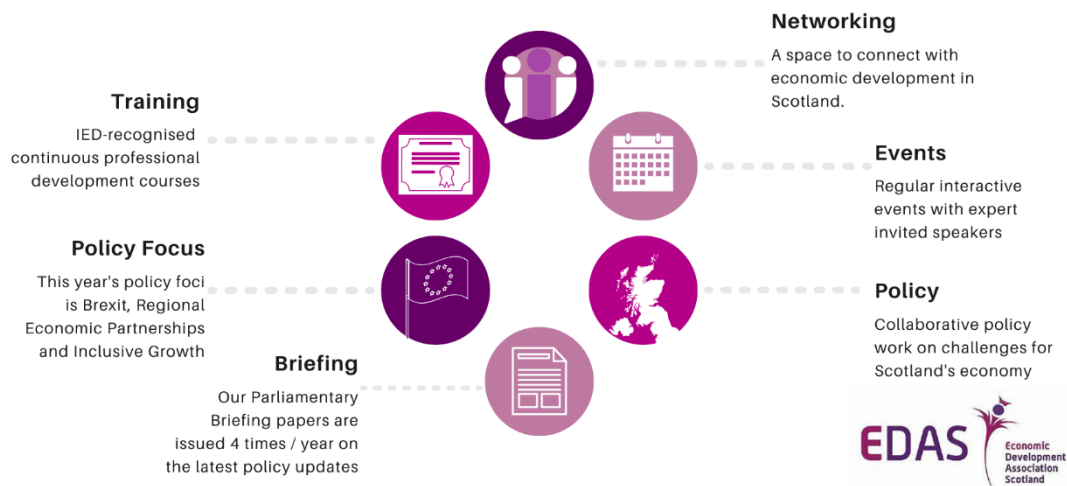
### APOLOGIES

Stuart	Black	Highland Council
Graeme	Blackett	BiGGAR Economics
Ishabel	Bremner	Argyll and Bute Council
Barry	Honeyman	Ethicus Global Wealth
Chris	Kelly	EKOS ltd
Pamela	Reid	ekosgen
Susan	Staiano	ekosgen
Taylor	Stewart	Skills Development Scotland

## APPENDIX 2

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION SCOTLAND

EDAS is Scotland's foremost membership-based economic development association. We support economic development in several ways, including:



### EDAS 2019 - 2020

Overview of a Year Supporting Economic Development in Scotland

