

SOUTH OF SCOTLAND ENTERPRISE PUBLIC SERVICES REFORM (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010: STATEMENT 2022/23

Under the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010, we have, along with other public bodies in Scotland, a duty to publish annual public statements relating to our expenditure in the following areas:

- Public relations
- Overseas travel
- Hospitality and entertainment
- External consultancy

In addition, the Act requires public bodies to publish details on:

- Payments with a value in excess of £25,000 (**APPENDIX 1**)
- Employees/members who receive remuneration in excess of £150,000.

Furthermore, the Act requires public bodies to publish a statement of the steps it has taken during that financial year to:

- a) Promote and increase sustainable growth through the exercise of its functions
- b) Improve efficiency, effectiveness and economy in the exercise of its functions.

Our statement covering the financial year 2022/23 is set out below in **Table 1.1**:

Table 1:1 Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 South of Scotland Enterprise for Financial Year 2022/23		
ACTIVITY	Year 2022/23	Year 2021/22
Public relations	£42k	£121k
Overseas travel	N/A	N/A
Hospitality and entertainment	£14K	£8k
External consultancy	£649K	£636k
Payments with a value in excess of £25,000 (See Appendix 1)	£14,949K	£13,494k
Remunerations received in excess of £150,000	N/A	N/A

Sustainable Growth

South of Scotland Enterprise (SOSE) is leading the way in many areas such as Net Zero and Natural Capital, making our region an even more attractive place to come to invest in, work in, live in and learn in.

We are committed to continually developing and evolving our carbon emission data reporting to ensure we can effectively produce a more accurate organisational carbon footprint (year-on-year) and to continue to identify areas to reduce our Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions in the year ahead.

Through ongoing collaboration with our partners and the wider population, we aspire for the South of Scotland to move closer to becoming a Wellbeing Economy, prioritising the collective wellbeing of current and future generations.

SOSE has initiated sustainable growth through new programmes to drive entrepreneurship and accelerate a just transition to Net Zero supporting 63 organisations to navigate the energy and cost crises, working closely with partners such as Business Energy Scotland.

We collaborated with regional and national partners to develop opportunities for Responsible Investment in Natural Capital in South of Scotland, including a new private finance investment pilot that could mobilise between £200 and £300 million in landscape scale restoration of native woodland across the South of Scotland and around 6 million tonnes of carbon sequestration.

Other areas of activity have included:

- The purchase of Renewable Energy Guarantee of Origin (REGO) and Renewable Gas Guarantee of Origin (RGGO) – in line with public sector emissions reporting these have not been used in our emission calculations
- The rollout of Carbon Literacy training across the whole staff base, with SOSE now a Silver accredited Carbon Literate Organisation
- Working towards becoming a Cycle Friendly Employer, with infrastructure improvements being made to our office sites at Selkirk and Dumfries Electric vehicle infrastructure improvements with EV charge points installed at our Dumfries office, to complement the existing EV charge points at Selkirk

Efficiency, Effectiveness and Economy

Public Sector procurement regulations seek to ensure that public procurement activity delivers value for money. During the year, 101 contracts were awarded and procurement savings of £27.5k were noted. Savings are calculated by using the methodology recommended by Scottish Government guidance, including taking the average rate proposed and the difference between that and the final rate agreed, or by estimating the cost avoidance through the use of an existing framework.

Whilst SOSE does not routinely purchase a high volume of goods, when they are required SOSE seeks to procure responsibly and with sustainability in mind. This includes purchasing second-hand goods when appropriate and available, and working with local suppliers to

minimise logistic impact as much as possible. As part of procurement competitions, particularly for regulated tenders, sustainability is embedded into the process to understand the social, economic and environmental impact of all contracts we award.

In the financial year 2022/23, the following specific developments have been delivered, to enhance the internal control framework:

- Project Board continued to oversee the Mountain Bike Innovation Centre project, providing additional assurance to Audit and Risk Committee and Board
- Embedded financial controls- delegated authorities and budget monitoring with Finance Business Partners' coordination
- Risk Champions co-ordination of risk information, reporting and risk management database was embedded in Directorates and projects
- Business Impact Risk Assessments were introduced
- Cyber Security work – SOSE security environment (Cyber Essentials+; independent Ernst Young review; Microsoft Defender for Cloud Apps implementation; DSSS (Digital Scotland Service Standard for MySOSE Project)
- Procurement and Property focus including insurance renewals
- Business Continuity Planning development
- SOSE continuation of accreditation as a Climate Literate Organisation
- Maintenance of Directorate Workplans integrating strategic objectives
- Budget setting and business planning in line with NSET in-year

Looking forward to 2024-25 and future enhancement of the control environment, the recognised challenges and opportunities facing SOSE going forward, will include:

- Integrating agile programme and project management across business projects
- Improving efficiency, streamlining business processes, to give Executives sufficient awareness and assurance as the organisation grows in complexity
- Maximising the potential of the Board to support strategic level business delivery for example in Net Zero and Fair Work

APPENDIX 1

South of Scotland Enterprise - Payments made in excess of £25,000			
Date of Payment	Company	Description	Value of Payment
08/03/2023	Scottish Borders Council	Professional Services	445,699.07
28/04/2022	SRUC	Grant	329,460.00
04/05/2022	Plastic Technology Services Ltd	Grant	280,000.00
23/11/2022	MTL Ltd	Grant	275,000.00
17/11/2022	Brodies LLP	Fixed Asset Purchase	274,547.81
31/03/2023	Paterson ATV	Grant	250,000.00
28/04/2022	SRUC	Grant	220,000.00
15/03/2023	Dumfries High St Ltd T/A Midsteeple Quarter	Grant	217,180.79
22/02/2023	Skills Development Scotland	IT Asset Purchase	213,150.00
29/03/2023	Meducan Ltd	Grant	211,860.48
21/12/2022	Laggan Outdoor Ltd	Grant	200,000.00
31/03/2023	Carbon Capture Scotland Limited	Grant	197,808.55
01/03/2023	Dumfries High St Ltd T/A Midsteeple Quarter	Grant	185,635.61
02/03/2023	Thorburn Group Limited	Grant	171,021.25
31/03/2023	Abbey Tool and Gauge Ltd	Grant	166,000.00
29/03/2023	Trimontium Trust	Grant	165,657.94
29/03/2023	Forest Holidays Ltd	Grant	164,216.00
25/01/2023	Polymer Extrusion Technologies (UK) Ltd	Grant	157,940.00
18/01/2023	Solway Recycling Ltd	Grant	150,000.00
14/09/2022	Scottish Borders Council	Professional Services	148,518.00
20/04/2022	Moorbrook Textiles Ltd	Grant	144,946.50
22/03/2023	Scottish Borders Council	Professional Services	133,108.80
07/09/2022	South of Scotland Destination Alliance-SSDA	Grant	127,786.43
31/08/2022	Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere	Grant	124,076.00
14/12/2022	Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere	Grant	124,076.00
15/03/2023	Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere	Grant	124,076.00
13/07/2022	Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere	Grant	124,075.00
26/10/2022	South of Scotland Destination Alliance-SSDA	Grant	123,815.99
01/03/2023	Crawick Multiverse Trust Ltd	Grant	123,496.00
29/03/2023	Inspired Community Trust Ltd T/A The Usual Place	Grant	122,000.00
28/04/2022	Care Reality Ltd	Strategic Partnership	121,856.00
28/04/2022	Scottish Borders Council	Professional Services	120,000.00
13/04/2022	Rethink Carbon Limited	Strategic Partnership	120,000.00
21/12/2022	Scottish Borders Council	Professional Services	119,244.00
14/09/2022	Scottish Borders Council	Professional Services	116,844.00
28/04/2022	Paxton House (Scotland) Ltd	Grant	115,163.31
10/03/2023	Trimontium Trust	Grant	113,676.12
01/03/2023	KPT Development Trust	Grant	112,972.82
25/01/2023	Building Futures Galloway Ltd	Grant	111,176.78
22/03/2023	Lockerbie Old School Community Hub	Grant	110,403.96

28/04/2022	L S STARRETT CO LTD	Grant	104,923.90
21/12/2022	Scottish Borders Council	Professional Services	102,444.00
15/02/2023	Old School Thornhill	Grant	100,000.00
19/10/2022	Scottish Borders Council	Professional Services	99,084.00
01/02/2023	KPT Development Trust	Grant	97,357.18
01/02/2023	Leidos Innovations UK Ltd	Intangible Asset Purchase	96,618.00
22/03/2023	Cademuir Engineering Ltd	Grant	94,710.00
25/01/2023	Skills Development Scotland	Collaborative Partnerships	93,576.04
23/11/2022	Dumfries High St Ltd T/A Midsteeple Quarter	Grant	91,830.09
11/01/2023	Cochran Ltd	Grant	91,684.33
04/01/2023	Border Transport Services Ltd	Grant	91,300.00
14/12/2022	Dumfries High St Ltd T/A Midsteeple Quarter	Grant	91,223.53
30/06/2022	Annan Harbour Action Group	Grant	90,926.00
08/06/2022	Skills Development Scotland	Collaborative Partnerships	86,658.77
29/03/2023	Building Futures Galloway Ltd	Grant	86,392.32
08/03/2023	Old School Thornhill	Grant	85,720.70
31/03/2023	Skills Development Scotland	Collaborative Partnerships	85,035.80
23/03/2023	Henderson MacKay	Grant	85,000.00
23/11/2022	South of Scotland Destination Alliance-SSDA	Grant	82,571.64
01/09/2022	Thermafy Eco Solutions	Loan	82,500.00
28/04/2022	SRUC	Grant	81,000.00
07/12/2022	FOREV LTD	Grant	80,000.00
29/03/2023	Dumfries High St Ltd T/A Midsteeple Quarter	Grant	78,765.72
15/03/2023	The Haining Charitable Trust	Grant	78,017.00
30/11/2022	Bairds Windows Ltd	Grant	76,549.00
02/11/2022	Leidos Innovations UK Ltd	Intangible Asset Purchase	76,028.06
14/09/2022	Cochran Ltd	Grant	75,586.76
22/03/2023	Leidos Innovations UK Ltd	Intangible Asset Purchase	75,023.41
07/12/2022	Leidos Innovations UK Ltd	Intangible Asset Purchase	74,330.76
12/10/2022	Leidos Innovations UK Ltd	Intangible Asset Purchase	73,053.79
05/10/2022	Skills Development Scotland	Collaborative Partnerships	72,029.63
28/04/2022	Lockerbie Old School Community Hub	Grant	71,807.00
30/06/2022	Skills Development Scotland	Collaborative Partnerships	70,787.21
22/02/2023	Leidos Innovations UK Ltd	Intangible Asset Purchase	70,760.05
22/03/2023	Plastic Technology Services Ltd	Grant	70,000.00
03/08/2022	South of Scotland Destination Alliance-SSDA	Grant	69,579.08
06/07/2022	South of Scotland Destination Alliance-SSDA	Grant	66,156.38
29/03/2023	The Abbotsford Trust	Grant	65,601.00
17/08/2022	Leidos Innovations UK Ltd	Intangible Asset Purchase	64,022.33
24/08/2022	Stewart Technology Ltd	Grant	63,786.00
14/12/2022	Polymer Extrusion Technologies (UK) Ltd	Grant	63,786.00
15/02/2023	Eco-Genics Ltd	Grant	60,000.00
01/03/2023	Traffic Technology Ltd.	Professional Services	58,924.80
25/01/2023	Enduro Sports Organisation Ltd	Grant	57,024.20
22/02/2023	Trimontium Trust	Grant	56,043.07

08/02/2023	The Haining Charitable Trust	Grant	56,034.90
22/02/2023	Just Breath O2	Grant	55,000.00
22/03/2023	Eyemouth Freezers Ltd	Grant	54,700.54
01/03/2023	Eyemouth Freezers Ltd	Grant	52,389.46
08/03/2023	Carbon Capture Scotland Limited	Grant	52,191.45
15/03/2023	Cochran Ltd	Grant	51,576.91
29/03/2023	Energise Galashiels Trust	Grant	51,144.37
15/02/2023	South of Scotland Destination Alliance-SSDA	Grant	51,036.26
19/10/2022	Hinduja Global Solutions UK Ltd	Grant	51,000.00
13/04/2022	Building Futures Galloway Ltd	Grant	50,000.00
08/02/2023	Forth Valley College of Further & Higher Education	Grant	50,000.00
15/03/2023	Edinburgh innovations Ltd (Interface)	Grant	50,000.00
29/03/2023	Stevie Wight Electrical Ltd	Grant	50,000.00
30/11/2022	The Haining Charitable Trust	Grant	49,077.81
28/04/2022	Eildon Housing Association Ltd	Grant	49,031.00
08/03/2023	Browns Food Group Ltd	Grant	48,750.00
29/04/2022	Robert Burns Ellisland Trust	Grant	48,481.92
03/08/2022	Rethink Carbon Limited	Strategic Partnership	48,000.00
09/11/2022	Rethink Carbon Limited	Strategic Partnership	48,000.00
09/06/2022	Robert Burns Ellisland Trust	Grant	47,692.02
14/09/2022	Looper Tech Ltd	Strategic Partnership	47,448.72
16/11/2022	Looper Tech Ltd	Strategic Partnership	47,448.72
28/04/2022	Crawick Multiverse Trust Ltd	Grant	47,207.90
21/12/2022	Annan Harbour Action Group	Grant	45,054.00
27/07/2022	Hinduja Global Solutions UK Ltd	Grant	45,000.00
08/03/2023	FOREV LTD	Grant	45,000.00
29/03/2023	FOREV LTD	Grant	45,000.00
20/04/2022	Scottish Enterprise	Audit Services	44,880.00
01/06/2022	Colliers International Common Client Account	Property Factoring Services	44,866.00
10/08/2022	Colliers International Common Client Account	Property Factoring Services	44,866.00
31/08/2022	Colliers International Common Client Account	Property Factoring Services	44,866.00
22/02/2023	Colliers International Common Client Account	Property Factoring Services	44,866.00
22/03/2023	Highlands and Islands Enterprise	Professional Services	44,475.00
08/03/2023	Scottish Enterprise	Grant	43,759.57
29/03/2023	Scottish Enterprise	IT Services	43,730.40
08/02/2023	Nairn Construction Ltd	Grant	43,300.00
20/04/2022	Scottish Enterprise	Property Rental	43,082.04
21/09/2022	Scottish Enterprise	Property Rental	43,082.04
16/11/2022	Scottish Enterprise	Property Rental	43,082.04
22/03/2023	Luxury Yarns International Ltd T/A FTS Dyers	Grant	43,070.00
11/01/2023	South of Scotland Destination Alliance-SSDA	Grant	42,964.08
28/04/2022	Hinduja Global Solutions UK Ltd	Grant	42,000.00
22/02/2023	The Scottish Government	Strategic Partnership	42,000.00
11/05/2022	HMRC	HMRC	41,851.94
18/01/2023	South of Scotland Destination Alliance-SSDA	Grant	41,520.55

19/10/2022	Robert Burns Ellisland Trust	Grant	39,271.01
15/02/2023	Highlands and Islands Enterprise	Professional Services	38,463.00
21/12/2022	Highlands and Islands Enterprise	Professional Services	38,462.00
31/03/2023	The Abbotsford Trust	Grant	38,127.00
19/10/2022	Annan Harbour Action Group	Grant	37,854.00
28/04/2022	Jedburgh Leisure Facilities Trust	Grant	37,818.00
20/04/2022	Resolution Television Limited T/A Res.digital	Professional Services	37,200.00
25/01/2023	Dumfries High St Ltd T/A Midsteeple Quarter	Grant	36,947.27
15/03/2023	Audit Scotland	Audit Services	36,907.00
15/03/2023	Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere	Grant	36,600.00
05/10/2022	Skills Development Scotland	Collaborative Partnerships	36,485.03
08/03/2023	Milestone Garden and Leisure Ltd t/a Milestone Garden Centre	Grant	36,409.20
11/01/2023	Rethink Carbon Limited	Strategic Partnership	36,000.00
22/02/2023	Border Transport Services Ltd	Grant	35,980.00
15/03/2023	Dumfries and Galloway Council	Grant	35,702.51
22/03/2023	Polymer Extrusion Technologies (UK) Ltd	Grant	35,676.19
15/03/2023	Polymer Extrusion Technologies (UK) Ltd	Grant	35,643.53
29/03/2023	Land Use Consultants Ltd	Professional Services	35,643.00
24/08/2022	Looper Tech Ltd	Strategic Partnership	35,586.54
22/03/2023	Looper Tech Ltd	Strategic Partnership	35,586.54
15/03/2023	Cross Keys Inn (Ettrickbridge) Ltd	Grant	35,548.45
18/01/2023	Skills Development Scotland	Collaborative Partnerships	35,139.05
29/03/2023	Year of the Dog	Loan	35,000.00
07/12/2022	Leidos Innovations UK Ltd	Intangible Asset Purchase	34,181.16
15/03/2023	Southern Uplands Partnerships Services Ltd	Professional Services	33,900.00
01/03/2023	James Johnston & Co. of Elgin Limited	Grant	33,000.00
31/03/2023	Dumfries and Galloway Council	Grant	32,584.89
29/03/2023	Dalbeattie Community Initiative	Grant	32,357.60
29/03/2023	Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere	Grant	32,241.60
28/04/2022	South of Scotland Destination Alliance-SSDA	Grant	32,140.00
31/03/2023	Bouldover Climbing Centre Ltd	Grant	32,000.00
08/03/2023	Mathers Dairy Utensils Company Limited	Grant	32,000.00
24/08/2022	Nairn Construction Ltd	Grant	31,633.73
29/03/2023	Lockerbie Old School Community Hub	Grant	31,562.42
15/03/2023	The Haining Charitable Trust	Grant	30,988.29
20/07/2022	Robert Burns Ellisland Trust	Grant	30,910.23
21/09/2022	Durty Events Limited	Grant	30,750.00
26/10/2022	The Langholm Alliance	Grant	30,727.00
08/06/2022	Care Reality Ltd	Strategic Partnership	30,159.97
13/07/2022	Care Reality Ltd	Strategic Partnership	30,159.76
24/08/2022	Care Reality Ltd	Strategic Partnership	30,159.76
12/10/2022	Care Reality Ltd	Strategic Partnership	30,159.76
28/04/2022	Wilkie's Ltd	Grant	30,132.00
16/11/2022	Annan Harbour Action Group	Grant	30,094.00
28/04/2022	Carsphairn Community Woodland Limited	Grant	30,000.00

01/03/2023	Kirkconnel and Kelloholm Development Trust	Grant	30,000.00
24/03/2023	Robinsons Scotland Ltd	Grant	30,000.00
31/03/2023	Metrik Solutions Ltd	Fixed Asset Purchase	29,896.80
21/12/2022	Dumfries and Galloway Council	Grant	29,343.10
28/04/2022	Dumfries and Galloway Council	Grant	28,960.65
13/04/2022	Skills Development Scotland	Collaborative Partnerships	28,825.01
30/06/2022	Audit Scotland	Audit Services	28,264.00
03/08/2022	Skills Development Scotland	Collaborative Partnerships	28,153.49
22/02/2023	Polymer Extrusion Technologies (UK) Ltd	Grant	28,141.25
28/04/2022	Skills Development Scotland	Collaborative Partnerships	28,066.24
21/12/2022	Bengairn Country Lodges Ltd	Grant	27,944.62
11/01/2023	Dumfries and Galloway Aviation Museum Ltd	Grant	27,890.00
29/03/2023	Peebles Community Trust	Grant	27,860.00
29/03/2023	Crawick Multiverse Trust Ltd	Grant	27,828.00
17/02/2023	Cross Keys Inn (Ettrickbridge) Ltd	Grant	27,738.32
09/11/2022	Young Enterprise Scotland	Grant	27,500.00
31/03/2023	Young Enterprise Scotland	Grant	27,500.00
29/03/2023	Durty Brewing Ltd	Grant	27,398.76
29/03/2023	The Stove Network Ltd	Grant	27,246.98
17/02/2023	Cross Keys Inn (Ettrickbridge) Ltd	Grant	27,069.02
22/02/2023	The Scottish Government	Strategic Partnership	27,000.00
28/09/2022	Audit Scotland	Audit Services	26,865.00
13/02/2023	Trimontium Trust	Grant	26,752.58
21/09/2022	South of Scotland Destination Alliance-SSDA	Grant	26,569.59
18/01/2023	Skills Development Scotland	Collaborative Partnerships	26,371.87
12/10/2022	I + L Galloway - Wigwam Holidays Wigtown	Grant	26,159.74
28/04/2022	Energise Galashiels Trust	Grant	26,031.98
02/11/2022	Hermitage Holdings T/A Lovat Mill	Grant	25,982.79
28/04/2022	Wigtownshire County Golf Club	Grant	25,000.00
28/03/2023	Colliers International Common Client Account	Property Factoring Services	25,000.00
15/03/2023	Stewart Technology Ltd	Grant	25,000.00
TOTAL			14,949,485.68