

# Fife Economy Partnership

## About Us

The Fife Economy Partnership brings together people from Fife's businesses and public sector organisations to identify and take forward policies and activities that help achieve sustainable economic development in Fife.

The Partnership is made up of an Executive Group and 5 Delivery Groups. There is also a wider Fife Economy Partnership group which is open to all businesses in Fife and meets every year.

Its roles, which are overseen by the Executive Group, include setting the priorities for growing Fife's economy, overseeing the implementation of *Fife's Economic Strategy 2017-2027*, ensuring the public sector's policies and activities support the growth of the Fife economy, and presenting Fife's case to the Scottish Government and Scottish Enterprise.



Members of the Fife Economy Partnership meet Jamie Hepburn MSP, Minister for Business, Fair Work and Skills



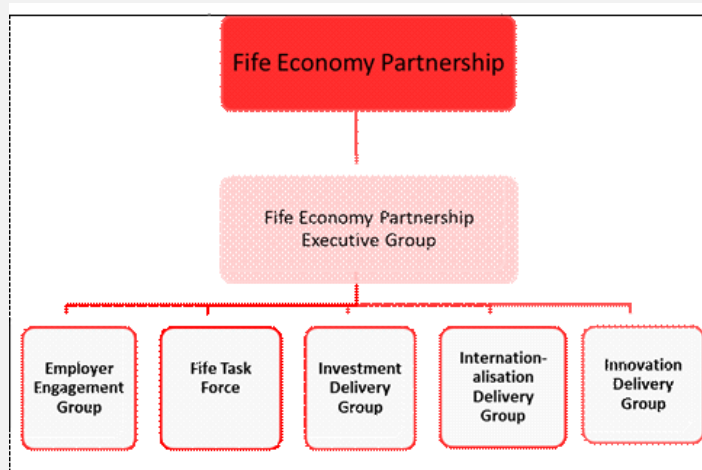
*Fife's Economic Strategy 2017-2027* sets out how the FEP will work with Fife Council and the Opportunities Fife Partnership as well as with the Scottish Government and its national agencies over the next 10 years to achieve sustainable and fair economic growth for Fife.

## Background

The Partnership was initially set up in October 2008 and was reviewed in 2011 and 2016.

It is a non-contractual, advisory partnership. It has no formal or financial powers and as such does not require to be formally constituted

More information can be found on the partnership's website – [www.fifeconomypartnership.co.uk](http://www.fifeconomypartnership.co.uk).



## Who We Are

The partnership is led by the private sector - the majority of our members are representatives from Fife's larger companies.

The partnership chair and vice-chair and the chairs of its delivery groups are elected from private sector representatives.

Fife Council, Scottish Enterprise and the Scottish Government, the University of St Andrews and Fife College are also represented.

The Partnership's Chair is Michael Longstaffe, Chief Executive Officer at Smith Anderson and its Vice-Chair is Ian Palmer, Managing Director at John Fergus & Co Ltd.

## What We Do

The Partnership has the remit of co-ordinating the economic development activities of key partners to deliver on the Inclusive Growth and Jobs theme of the Fife Community Planning Partnership's *Plan for Fife 2017-2027*.

Its objectives include:

- **Setting the economy development priorities for Fife** - this is largely done through the development and implementation of *Fife's Economic Strategy*.
- **Influencing and lobbying the Scottish Government** –each year, the Partnership meets with a senior government minister to discuss the issues and challenges facing Fife and its businesses.
- **Listening and engaging with businesses** - through social media, its website [www.fifeconomypartnership.co.uk](http://www.fifeconomypartnership.co.uk) and networking events.
- **Supporting business and economic campaigns** like the Culture of Enterprise, Fife STEM Strategy and Opportunities Fife Partnership.

## The FEP Executive Group

The Executive Group meets four times each year. Its role is to drive forward the overall Fife Economy Partnership, leading the setting of economic development priorities for Fife and monitoring the delivery of *Fife's Economic Strategy*.

### Executive Group Members

- **Michael Longstaffe**, Chief Executive Officer, Smith Anderson.
- **Ian Palmer**, Managing Director, John Fergus & Co Ltd (Inchdairnie Distillery).
- **John Penman**, Managing Director, Fifab.
- **Stephen Hall**, Managing Director FLEXcon Europe Ltd.
- **Ian Wilkie**, Managing Director, Leviton.
- **Alan Mitchell**, Chief Executive, Fife Chamber of Commerce .
- **Councillor Altany Craik**, Convener, Economy, Tourism, Strategic Planning & Transportation Committee, Fife Council.
- **Gordon Mole**, Interim Chief Officer – Business & Employability, Fife Council.
- **Elaine Morrison**, Regional Head of Partnerships, Scottish Enterprise.
- **Derek Watson**, Quaestor and Factor, University of St Andrews.
- **Hugh Hall**, Principal, Fife College.
- **Stephen White**. Head – Place Based Economic Development, Scottish Government.
- **Chairs of the three FEP Delivery Groups** (see below).

### FEP DELIVERY GROUPS

The Partnership has three Delivery Groups which are tasked with taking forward Fife's Economic Strategy.

- An **Innovation Group** chaired by Phill Thompson (Thornton Tomasetti).
- An **Investment Group** chaired by Colin Brown (Burness Paull).
- A **Trade Development Group** (chair to be appointed).

Each group meets around four times each year. Most members are from Fife's businesses; Fife Council, Scottish Enterprise, Fife College and the University of St Andrews are also represented.