

**CONFERENCE REPORT**

**Committee:** Finance

**Subject:** "Working Together? Public Projects and Private Finance"  
Organised by the John Wheatley Centre and sponsored by the  
Co-operative Bank

**Venue:** City Chambers,  
Edinburgh

**Date(s):** Friday 17th May 1996

**Recommendation:** Vice-Chair, Councillor H. McGuigan and one opposition member.

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Dear Chief Executive

**Conference : Working Together? Public projects and private finance**

I am enclosing details of a conference examining joint public/private sector partnerships for infrastructure projects.

More and more public sector organisations are now looking at ways of utilising private finance to assist in the development of capital projects. This conference will look at the practical issues which arise when public-private partnerships are proposed.

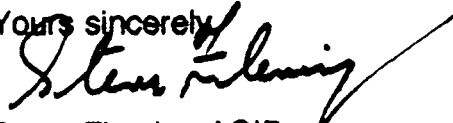
The conference will bring together potential public and private sector partners along with practitioners with experience in putting public-private partnerships into place. Speakers are:

**Grant Baird**, Director, Scottish Financial Enterprise  
**Allstair Darling MP**, Opposition Spokesperson for the City and Financial Services  
**Peter Garnham**, Specialist Finance, The Co-operative Bank  
**Charles McLeod, MBE**, Private Finance Panel Executive  
**Phil Miller**, Managing Director, Miller Developments  
**Keith Rimmer**, Head of Transport and Communications, City of Edinburgh Council  
**Margaret Ford**, Director, Eglinton Management Centre  
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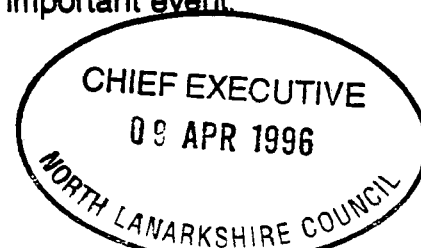
The conference will almost certainly be the first event in Scotland to examine both the operation of the current PFI scheme, and also the Labour Party's alternative proposals. It will also look at the prospects for future private/public sector co-operation in the event of the establishment of a Scottish Parliament. This conference is being organised by the **John Wheatley Centre** and sponsored by **The Co-operative Bank**.

You should ensure that your organisation is represented at this conference to find out how and if private finance can assist your organisation in its strategic objectives, and I would be grateful if you could pass this to the relevant committee in your authority and hope that you will be represented at this important event.

Yours sincerely,



Steve Fleming ACIB  
Senior Manager, Glasgow



**P.S. As a guest of The Co-operative Bank your authority is entitled to a special rate of £60 + VAT (£70.50) per delegate. Please write "Co-operative Bank" on the registration form.**

Both sides of the political spectrum are committed to new partnerships between the private and public sectors for infrastructure projects. The Government's Private Finance Initiative is now underway and subject to assessment. Experience so far has led the Government to streamline the process.

Scotland has been in the forefront of joint projects even before PFI, e.g. the Skye Bridge Contract. What are the experiences of those organisations involved on the ground? Speakers from local government, the construction industry, finance and business bring their views on both the current arrangements and possibilities for the future. Alistair Darling MP will discuss the Labour Party's proposals.

This conference will also look at what the establishment of a devolved Scottish Parliament will mean for joint projects. Will a Scottish Parliament look to private finance to play a role in its plans for Scotland's infrastructure?

The conference will be of special interest to:

- Local Enterprise Companies
- Members and officers in Local Government
- Financial organisations
- Professional advisors
- Construction companies
- Economic consultants

# Working together? public projects and private finance

17th May 1996, Edinburgh

## Speakers

- Grant Baird**, Director, Scottish Financial Enterprise
- Alistair Darling MP**, Labour Treasury spokesperson on the City and Financial Services
- Margaret Ford**, Director, Eglinton Management Centre Ltd
- Peter Garnham**, Senior Manager, Specialist Finance, The Co-operative Bank plc
- Charles McLeod, MBE**, Private Finance Panel Executive
- Phil Miller**, Managing Director, Miller Developments
- Brendan Nolan**, McGrigor Donald, Solicitors
- Keith Rimmer**, Head of Transport and Communications, City of Edinburgh Council

## Timetable

9.00 - 9.30	Registration/coffee
9.30 - 12.30	Morning session
12.30-1.30	Lunch
1.30-15.50	Afternoon session
15.50	Close

There will be ample time for questions and discussion.

## Registration Form

Please return this form (or a photocopy) to:  
John Wheatley Centre, 20 Forth Street,  
Edinburgh, EH1 3LH

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Organisation:

Address:

Tel/Fax.:

Names and designations of delegates

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Any special dietary or access requirements

Delegate Fee: **£100 + VAT** (£117.50)

Special Price for 2 delegates or more from the same organisation :  
**£70.00 + VAT** (£82.25) each

Fee includes buffet lunch, coffee/tea and documentation

Payment enclosed £

Please make cheques payable to "John Wheatley Centre"

*Please note that registrations cannot be confirmed until full fee is received. Cancellations: Please note that no refund can be made for cancellations received after 3rd May 1996. Cancellations received before this date qualify for a full refund less an administration charge of £20+ VAT (£23.50). Substitutions can be made at any time. VAT No 592 9816 84*

(Signed: ) (Date: )

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