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To: Chief Executives - Regional Councils
Islands Councils
District Councils
Unitary Councils

Dear Chief Executive

Please find enclosed a leaflet about a forthcoming S.L.G.I.U. conference, "Changing Partnerships: The New Councils and Economic Development" which will take place in Glasgow on Friday, 9 October 1995.

I am sure this conference will be of interest to councillors and officials in your authority. I would be grateful if you could ensure that the conference details are placed on the relevant committee agenda.

Yours sincerely

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Enclosure





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conomic development, job creation and the economic regeneration of urban and rural areas will be among the main objectives of the new unitary councils.

Over the last 10 years Scottish local authorities have developed a role in economic development which is significant in terms of scale, variety and adaptability to local opportunities and problems. However, this activity has been largely discretionary. The Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994 now gives local authorities distinct and defined powers to promote economic development.

The new councils will have power to:

- participate in, encourage and financially support projects which may add employment in their area;
- give grants, make loans and underwrite the costs of projects which aid job creation.

However, the 1994 Act also gives the Secretary of State for Scotland power to restrict and constrain local authority economic development activity, by, for example, placing limits on expenditure in the area of activity.

Much local authority economic development activity is carried out in partnership with other public and private sector bodies. The Government's new **Programme for Partnership** policy emphasises the need for new city/district wide partnerships. Partnership is increasingly the basis for funding from programmes funded by the Government or the European Commission. The new unitary authorities will also have to develop relationships with the new Area Tourist Boards. This conference will explore:

- The new legislative basis for local authority economic development activity;
- The key issues which will need to be addressed by local authorities and their public and private sector partners; and,
- The basis for new partnerships which will need to be developed between the new unitary councils and potential public and private sector partners.

It will bring together: leading councillors from the new councils; Chairs of existing Economic Development Committees; officials from Economic Development Departments; Local Enterprise Companies; local initiatives; and other public and private sector bodies.

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- 09.30** Registration and Coffee
- 10.00** Introduction and 1st Plenary: Legislative and Economic Overviews
Chair: **Maurice Smith**
- Legislative overview
Mark Batho, Scottish Office Industry Department
 - Economic overview
Mike Danson, University of Paisley
- 11.00** Coffee
- 11.20** 2nd Plenary: The Tasks Facing the New Councils
- Urban economic development
Cllr Colin Robb, Leader, East Kilbride District Council
 - Rural economic development
Dermot Grimson, Director, Rural Forum
 - Vocational Training and Education
Professor John Fairley, Robert Gordon University
- 12.45** Lunch
- 13.45** 3rd Plenary: Partnership in Practice
- A local authority perspective
Krystyna Robinson, Director, Economic Development, Edinburgh District Council
 - A Local Enterprise Company perspective
Archie Bethel, Chief Executive, Lanarkshire Development Agency
 - A local partnership initiative perspective
Sorrel Brooke, Chief Executive, Stonebridge Housing Action Trust (Brent), formerly, Director, Wester Hailes Initiative
- 15.00** Tea & Coffee
- 15.20** 4th Plenary
John McAllion M.P., Opposition spokesperson
- 15.50** Roundtable discussion
3rd Plenary speakers, with **Mark Batho**, Scottish Office and **John McAllion, M.P.**
- 16.30** Close

Delegate fee: £90 + VAT (£105.75)
Special discount rate: 4 delegates only
£300 + VAT (£352.50)
(includes documentation, coffees and lunch)

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Tel No: _____

Name and designation of delegates attending

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Delegate fee: £90 + VAT; 4 delegates £300

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