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For MACCS - MR.

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Sent: 17 March 2017 14:01  
To: Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Jobs and Fair Work  
Subject: Ayrshire Growth Deal

Dear Mr Brown

Thank you very much indeed for taking the time to meet with us on 8th March. I attach a letter from the three Ayrshire Council Leaders regarding the points that we discussed.

Kind regards  
Bill

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Dear Cabinet Secretary

## Ayrshire Growth Deal

Thank you for meeting with us on 8th March to discuss the Ayrshire Growth Deal.

We felt this was a very positive and helpful meeting and we welcome the continuing support of the Scottish Government in working with us to develop the Growth Deal, and the Ayrshire Pathfinder work as part of the Enterprise and Skills Agencies review.

At the meeting, we asked that the Scottish Government work with us in the development of a response to the Industrial Strategy and to seek a tripartite meeting with the UK Government to explore how – through the Ayrshire Growth Deal – a regional dimension to the delivery of the Industrial Strategy can be put in place.

We also requested Ministerial support for a Regional Transport Summit to develop the infrastructure proposals to underpin the delivery of the Growth Deal and our input to the development of the new National Transport Strategy.

Our final request was that we work with your officials to put in place a timetable for taking forward, and concluding, discussions on the projects within the Growth Deal.

As we approach the May local elections, we want to emphasise the cross-party support for the Ayrshire Growth Deal – at all stages the Leaders of Opposition parties in our Councils have welcomed and endorsed the work.

Given the importance of attracting jobs and investment to Ayrshire we are all united in our support for the Growth Deal.

It would be helpful to have a further meeting with you once the new administrations and Leaders are in place so that we can continue to review progress together.

Once again, thank you for your support for the Ayrshire Growth Deal.



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**Councillor Bill McIntosh**  
Leader, South Ayrshire Council



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**Councillor Joe Cullinane**  
Leader, North Ayrshire Council



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**Councillor Douglas Reid**  
Leader, East Ayrshire Council