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Dunfermline

Where Heritage Meets Innovation

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A place of history, innovation and opportunity

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Welcome to Dunfermline, a historic and dynamic city in Fife, Scotland. Steeped in rich heritage and brimming with potential, Dunfermline offers a unique blend of opportunity and charm, making it an ideal location for your next investment.

The Ancient Capital of Scotland for over 400 years, home to Kings & Queens and a revered site of pilgrimage, was awarded City Status in the late HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Honours, 2022.

Now one of Europe's fastest-growing settlements, Dunfermline is the birthplace of world-renowned industrialist and philanthropist Andrew Carnegie and remains today at the forefront of innovation, investment, and opportunity.



Featuring strategically located premium employment land sites and excellent public transport infrastructure with national and international links, Dunfermline benefits from being located as part of the Edinburgh and East of Scotland City Deal Region, and is a prime location for accelerated growth, investment, innovation and skills.

FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS SERVICES

Dunfermline is home to a thriving financial and business services sector, with established companies like NatWest Group and Lloyds Banking Group.

TOURISM

Dunfermline boasts a rich heritage quarter, with attractions like Dunfermline Abbey and Palace and Pittencrieff Park, attracting tourists and contributing significantly to the local economy.

MANUFACTURING

The city has a strong tradition in manufacturing, with expertise in food and drink production, engineering, and textiles.

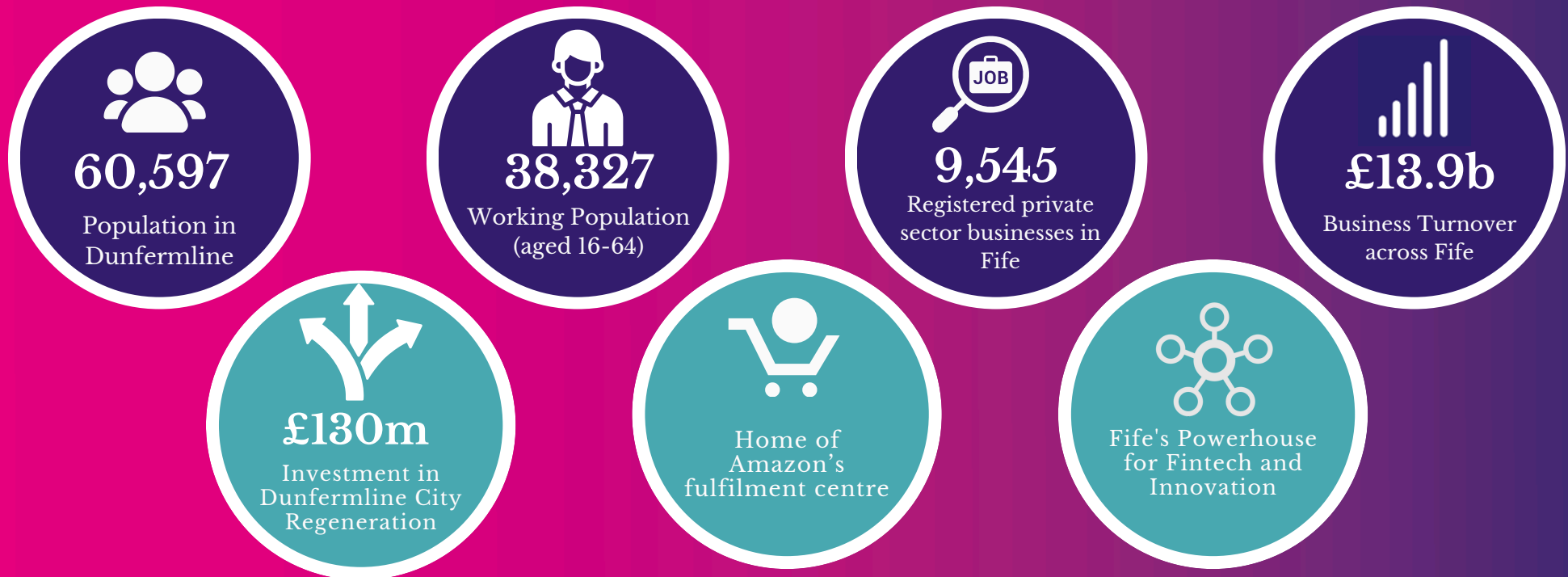


Thriving Business Environment



Investing within Dunfermline is an investment in a dynamic and growing city. We offer a strategic location, a skilled workforce, a supportive business environment, and a commitment to innovation.

Dunfermline in numbers



Investing in growth

£130 million investment in Dunfermline City. This includes creating a new community hub in Abbeyview, replacing high schools, and building a new business park at Fife Interchange North.

Dunfermline is the home of Amazon's 1.1 million sq ft fulfilment centre located at Fife Interchange North. This facility plays a significant role in their UK distribution network.

Ingenico, the global leader in payment processing solutions, has its headquarters located in Dalgety Bay, just outside of Dunfermline, strengthening the region's reputation as a hub for innovative technology companies.

Connectivity to the rest of the world

Dunfermline boasts easy access to major cities like Edinburgh and Glasgow via the M90 motorway and a well-connected rail network. Edinburgh Airport is just a short journey away, opening global connections. Dunfermline's central location within Scotland provides access to a skilled workforce and a strong domestic market. Additionally, its proximity to major ports like Rosyth facilitates efficient import and export operations.

Our transport links via road, rail and sea enable businesses of all types to use Fife as a base.

ROAD

Edinburgh 40 Minutes
Dundee 1 Hour
Stirling 40 Minutes
Perth 40 Minutes
Glasgow 50 Minutes

MOTORWAYS

South & West: M90, M8, M73, M74, M6,
A1M & M1 North: M90

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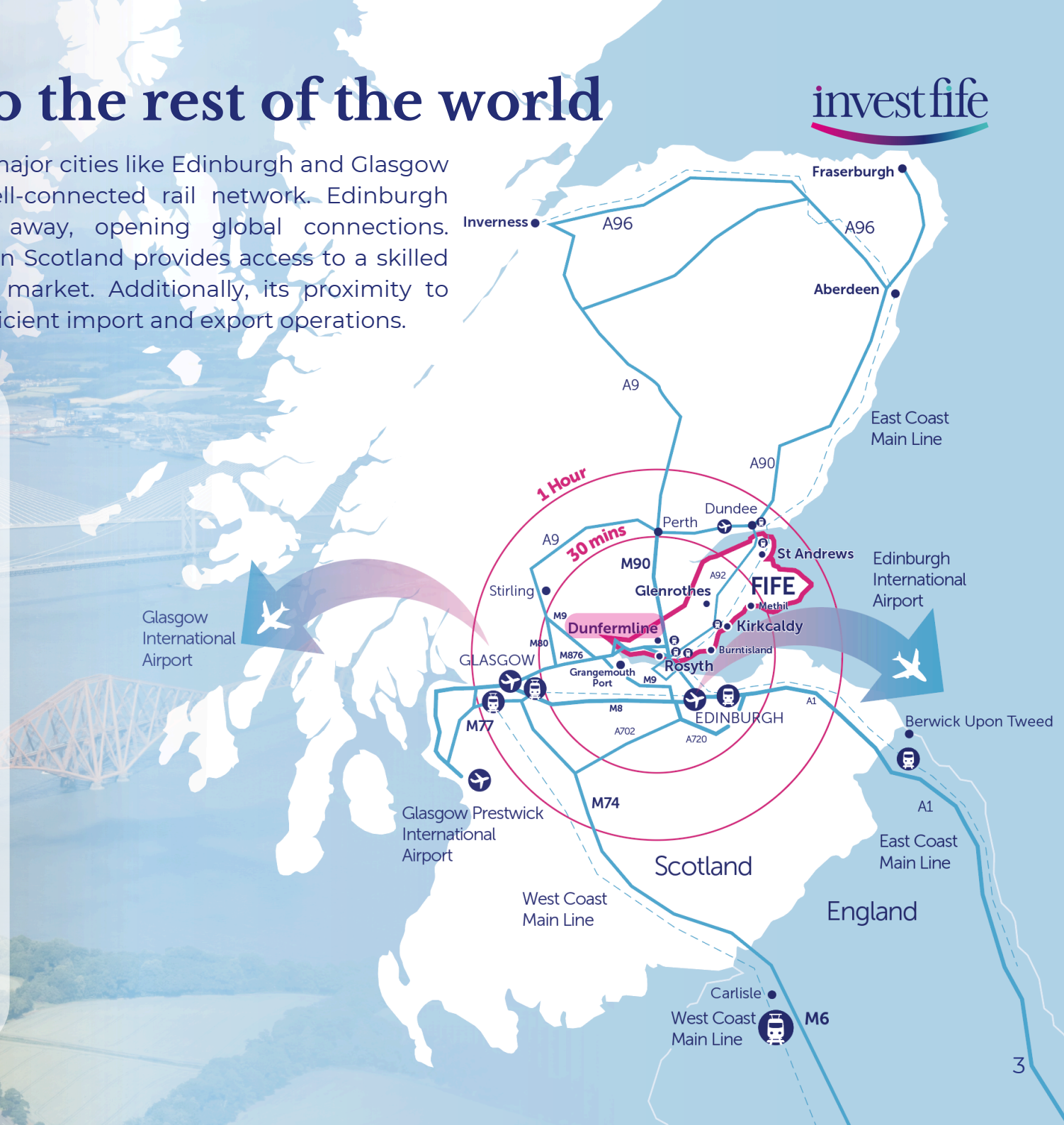
Airport connections from Edinburgh
20 direct UK destinations
87 International including US & Middle
East 46 flights per day to London

RAIL

Main East Coast Rail link Fife Circle –
Edinburgh Main West Coast Rail link
Freight links

PORTS

Rosyth Deep Water
Port Grangemouth
Docks Kirkcaldy
Methil
Burntisland



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Dunfermline Learning Campus



Fife College, Fife Council and private sector partners have invested around £180M to develop an innovative, integrated, and collaborative new learning campus in the heart of Dunfermline. The new campus will be purpose-built and fully accessible for all pupils, parents, staff and community users. There will be social spaces to encourage group learning, courtyards, multi-use games areas, and all-weather and grass sports pitches.



Home to 4,500
learners and staff
on a typical day



£180m
Investment



The first net zero
college building
in Scotland



Arrol Gibb Innovation Centre



Arrol Gibb Innovation Campus (AGIC) is a global centre of excellence which is transforming large-scale manufacturing through innovation and learning. It will become the first large-scale digitally enabled advanced manufacturing facility for the marine and energy transition sectors in the UK. The facility is located in Rosyth, an established location for manufacturing and engineering expertise.

In a unique collaboration, AGIC brings together Babcock International, the Royal Navy, two universities, the regional college and the government. It offers core capabilities in advanced and large-scale manufacturing, composites, robotics and digital manufacturing, which are all supported by cross-campus skills development and an innovation hub.



Fife Interchange Business Units

The proposed business units are being developed by Fife Council as part of the Fife Industrial Innovation Investment (i3) Programme. The Programme forms part of the Edinburgh & South East Scotland City Region Deal, which aims to transform the regional economy with a £1.3bn programme of investment spanning 15 years.

Due to be completed in Autumn 2024, the development will comprise 9 new units suitable for Class 4, 5 and 6 uses. Ranging in size from 169 sqm (1,829 sqft) to 761 sqm (8,199 sqft) with the potential to combine units they provide an ideal solution for innovative businesses in manufacturing, technology and service industries, looking to expand or relocate.



Artist illustration



High specification
units available,
suitable for Business
and Innovation

Fife Interchange South

This site is part of a joint venture between Scottish Enterprise and Fife Council. The site is part of the wider investment and development of the Fife Interchange area. Fife Council has undertaken site servicing works in respect of Fife Interchange North and there are proposals to undertake the construction of a range of industrial units.



Highly
prominent site
adjacent to
M90



Suitable for
manufacturing
& logistics

Forth Green Freeport



Forth Green Freeport is Scotland's largest opportunity to deliver a just transition to net zero, to attract significant inward investment, to build international trade and export capability, and to create high-quality and well-paid jobs. Forth Green Freeport will act as a catalyst for new green technologies, alternative fuels and renewable energy manufacturing – accelerating the nation's just transition to net zero.

Alongside major upgrades to infrastructure and technology-backed skills development programmes for young people and harder to reach communities. Forth Green Freeport will stimulate the country's re-industrialisation and accelerate Scotland's industrial cluster's vital path to a cleaner future. Investments will stimulate growth in trade, providing expanded logistics and trade capacity for existing and emerging industries including advanced modular systems, biofuels, hydrogen and carbon capture, e-commerce, pharmaceuticals and storage, supporting additional R&D capability and green incubator space to drive SME and start-up business growth.



£6b

Investment

The Forth Green Freeport will be the catalyst for creating up to **38,350 jobs**

FORTH
GREEN FREEPORT

Queensferry One



Queensferry One is one of Scotland's largest and best-connected strategic employment sites, providing an established hub for businesses looking to scale their operations or improve supply chain efficiencies across the central belt and beyond. Offering a range of flexible accommodation options and surrounded by high-quality shared spaces, Queensferry One is designed to suit a range of uses, from heavy engineering buildings to high-quality distribution facilities. Fully serviced sites are immediately available or alternatively design and build opportunities can be tailored to individual occupiers' requirements.

A strategic development site of 120 acres providing plots of 1 to 90 acres with buildings available on a design and build basis for sale or lease



Supply Chain Excellence

Dunfermline boasts a robust supply chain ecosystem, with key players in the financial and business sectors driving economic growth and innovation. The city is home to a myriad of businesses, ranging from small startups to multinational corporations, each contributing to the vibrant tapestry of Fife's economy.

The Pitreavie Business Park & Carnegie Campus in Dunfermline make up Scotland's largest single centre for financial shared services.

Notable key players in the industry base in Dunfermline include **Sky, Ingenico, VITEC, Sainsbury's Bank, Santander, NatWest Group, Lloyds Banking Group and Thomson Cooper Accountants**, renowned for their expertise, innovation, and commitment to excellence. These institutions serve as catalysts for economic development, providing vital services and resources to businesses and entrepreneurs alike. Their presence further enhances Dunfermline's reputation as a hub of financial and business activity, attracting investors and fostering collaboration across industries.

Fintech Scotland is a financial and technology ecosystem, and Fife has a key role. Some of the foundations of digital payments and transfer systems were pioneered by entrepreneurial innovation arising from the electronics industry. These young companies such as Fortronic and Level 4 software created foundations for the Payment industry. The cluster in Fife has global reach through mergers and acquisitions which have recognised and maintained the pool of skills and experience.

FIFE
is
Scotland's
payments capital



**FinTech
Scotland**

Skilled Workforce



Companies locating in Dunfermline can benefit from recruitment, selection and training support through Fife Council's Opportunities Fife and Employability Team. The region has a strong commitment to workforce training, life-long learning and skills development – creating the conditions to attract and retain talent, develop a knowledge economy and promote a culture of enterprise.



Developing the Young Workforce (DYW) aims to create a rich variety of high-quality learning opportunities, linked to skills needs and employer demand, enabling young people to be informed and empowered to make smart decisions about the best route to work for them.

culture of enterprise

At **Fife Council, the Economic Development team** is committed to linking both education and industry together. Our Meet the Business programme, in partnership with DYW, is a great way to invest in your future workforce by sharing a short bio of your business and the skills required to work in your industry.



Opportunities Fife can provide local employers with a single entry point and act as a gateway into accessing a whole range of services available to help you and your business. They will discuss your recruitment needs, develop tailored training solutions to meet the real skill needs of your business and match these to local individuals looking for work.



The **University of St Andrews** ranks in the top 100 universities in the world. Founded in 1413, it offers students a world-renowned education that prepares them for working in a professional environment.



Fife College boasts first-class facilities, expert teaching and a wide range of courses suited to the needs of local and national industry. With five campuses across the region and a host of local learning centres the College is within easy reach of the Fife community making learning even more accessible than ever before.



Rich Cultural Heritage and Vibrant Community

Dunfermline's cultural heritage forms the cornerstone of its identity, enriching the city with a tapestry of historical landmarks and cultural attractions.

The iconic **Dunfermline Abbey** stands as a testament to centuries of tradition and architectural splendour, drawing visitors from far and wide to marvel at its timeless beauty. The surrounding **Pittencrieff Park** offers a serene retreat, where residents and visitors alike can unwind amidst lush greenery and scenic vistas.

The **Carnegie Trust** legacy embodies Dunfermline's commitment to education, innovation, and community development. Founded by philanthropist **Andrew Carnegie**, the trust continues to empower future generations through its dedication to education, culture, and the arts. This legacy not only adds value to Dunfermline's cultural landscape but also fosters an environment conducive to creativity, collaboration, and digital innovation.

Beyond the beauty, Dunfermline offers a vibrant atmosphere.



THRIVING ARTS SCENE

The Alhambra Theatre and Dunfermline Carnegie, Library and Galleries host a variety of performances and exhibitions. Local galleries and art studios showcase the talent of emerging artists.

EVENTS AND FESTIVALS

Dunfermline comes alive throughout the year with exciting events like the Outwith Festival, the Annual Charity Gin & Beer Festivals and the popular live music scene held on weekends.

FOODIE DELIGHTS

From traditional Scottish fare to international cuisine, Dunfermline offers a diverse range of restaurants and cafes to tantalise your taste buds.

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A city on the rise



InvestFife is a collective brand that encompasses all of Fife Council's Economic Development services, including Business Enterprise, Land, and Property. InvestFife collaborates closely with various partner organisations, such as Business Gateway Fife, Scottish Enterprise, Scottish Development International, and the Fife Chamber of Commerce, in addition to colleagues in the Council's planning services department. This collaboration ensures the delivery of a comprehensive 'Team Fife' investment and business support package.

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