

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

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CONVENER

*Bristow Muldoon (Livingston) (Lab)

DEPUTY CONVENER

Bruce Crawford (Mid Scotland and Fife) (SNP)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*Fergus Ewing (Inverness East, Nairn and Lochaber) (SNP)

Dr Sylvia Jackson (Stirling) (Lab)

*Michael McMahon (Hamilton North and Bellshill) (Lab)

*Paul Martin (Glasgow Springburn) (Lab)

*David Mundell (South of Scotland) (Con)

*Tommy Sheridan (Glasgow) (SSP)

*Margaret Smith (Edinburgh West) (LD)

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTES

Bill Butler (Glasgow Anniesland) (Lab)

Colin Fox (Lothians) (SSP)

Mr Bruce McFee (West of Scotland) (SNP)

Mr Brian Monteith (Mid Scotland and Fife) (Con)

John Farquhar Munro (Ross, Skye and Inverness West) (LD)

*attended

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Scottish Parliament

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[THE CONVENER *opened the meeting at 14:01*]

Interests

The Convener (Bristow Muldoon): We will start as we are quorate. I welcome the new committee member. As members know, Iain Smith had been a member of the committee since the elections and I think that he was a member of the Local Government Committee for the whole first session. I give him our best wishes again and thank him for all his hard work and contributions to the committee's work.

I welcome to the committee the new Liberal Democrat representative, Margaret Smith. She has been an active member of and contributor to a range of committees and I am sure that she will be equally active on this committee. As required by standing orders, I ask her to declare any relevant interests to the committee's work.

Margaret Smith (Edinburgh West) (LD): I thank the convener for those kind words—that was money well spent. I am pleased to join members of the committee. As far as I am aware, I have no interests to declare at this time.

The Convener: I thank Margaret Smith and look forward to working with her.

Items in Private

14:02

The Convener: Agenda item 2 is consideration of whether to take items in private. The main agenda item today is item 3, which is consideration of the draft report on our inquiry into issues that arise from the Transport (Scotland) Act 2001. The report will be made public as soon as members finalise and agree it. The committee's normal practice is to consider draft reports in private. Do members agree to consider the draft report in private today and on further occasions when it appears on the agenda? When we have agreed the report, it will become a public document.

Tommy Sheridan (Glasgow) (SSP): I ask for my dissent to be recorded, please.

The Convener: Is that agreed, with Tommy Sheridan's dissent?

Members indicated agreement.

Fergus Ewing (Inverness East, Nairn and Lochaber) (SNP): Before we go into private, I submit apologies from Bruce Crawford.

The Convener: I should have mentioned that the deputy convener, Bruce Crawford, cannot attend today's meeting. That is now on the record.

14:03

Meeting continued in private until 15:49.

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