

# **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE**

Tuesday 29 November 2005

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## LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

31<sup>st</sup> Meeting 2005, Session 2

### CONVENER

\*Bristow Muldoon (Livingston) (Lab)

### DEPUTY CONVENER

\*Bruce Crawford (Mid Scotland and Fife) (SNP)

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

\*Mr Andrew Arbuckle (Mid Scotland and Fife) (LD)

\*Mr David Davidson (North East Scotland) (Con)

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

\*Dr Sylvia Jackson (Stirling) (Lab)

\*Paul Martin (Glasgow Springburn) (Lab)

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

\*Tommy Sheridan (Glasgow) (SSP)

### COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTES

Colin Fox (Lothians) (SSP)

Mr Bruce McFee (West of Scotland) (SNP)

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

Dr Elaine Murray (Dumfries) (Lab)

\*attended

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## Scottish Parliament

### Local Government and Transport Committee

*Tuesday 29 November 2005*

[THE CONVENER *opened the meeting at 14:03*]

#### Items in Private

**The Convener (Bristow Muldoon):** I welcome members to today's Local Government and Transport Committee meeting. The first agenda item is a decision on whether to take in private item 3, which is consideration of our draft stage 1 report on the Council Tax Abolition and Service Tax Introduction (Scotland) Bill. Normally, we consider such reports in private and they become public documents after the committee has agreed them. Do we agree to take item 3 in private? I take it that Tommy Sheridan wants his disagreement to be noted.

**Tommy Sheridan (Glasgow) (SSP):** You are getting to know me well.

**The Convener:** Is the committee agreed to take the item in private?

**Members indicated agreement.**

**The Convener:** Do members also agree that future consideration of the report will be in private until we have finally agreed it?

**Members indicated agreement.**

## Subordinate Legislation

### Local Government Pensions Etc (Civil Partnership) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2005 (SSI 2005/554)

14:04

**The Convener:** Item 2 is one piece of subordinate legislation. No members have raised points on the instrument, the Subordinate Legislation Committee has made no points and no motions for annulment have been lodged. Do members confirm that the committee has nothing to report?

**Members indicated agreement.**

**The Convener:** The committee will go into private session to consider item 3.

14:05

*Meeting continued in private until 17:03.*



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