

EDINBURGH TRAM (LINE TWO) BILL COMMITTEE

Wednesday 23 February 2005

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CONVENER

*Bill Aitken (Glasgow) (Con)

DEPUTY CONVENER

*Jeremy Purvis (Tweeddale, Ettrick and Lauderdale) (LD)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*Marilyn Livingstone (Kirkcaldy) (Lab)

Kate Maclean (Dundee West) (Lab)

*Alasdair Morgan (South of Scotland) (SNP)

*attended

CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE

Terry Shevlin

LOCATION

Committee Room 3

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Scottish Parliament

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[THE CONVENER *opened the meeting at 12:11*]

Late Objection

The Convener (Bill Aitken): Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. I welcome everyone to this meeting of the Edinburgh Tram (Line Two) Bill Committee and remind members to switch off their mobile phones and pagers.

The only item for consideration is a paper on a late objection to specified provisions of the Edinburgh Tram (Line Two) Bill. As the paper makes clear, the committee must initially decide whether it is satisfied that the objector has good reason for exceptionally lodging an objection to the bill after the end of the objection period. Only if the committee agrees that there is good reason for that will it decide to give preliminary consideration to the objection. In other words, we will decide whether the objector's interests would be clearly adversely affected by the bill.

I therefore have to ask members whether they believe that the objector has good reason for exceptionally lodging an objection to the bill after the end of the objection period. My view is that the objection is not exceptional.

Alasdair Morgan (South of Scotland) (SNP): I concur with that opinion.

Jeremy Purvis (Tweeddale, Ettrick and Lauderdale) (LD): Agreed.

Marilyn Livingstone (Kirkcaldy) (Lab): Agreed.

The Convener: It is therefore agreed that the objection will not be heard. I thank members for their attendance.

Meeting closed at 12:12.

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