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Environment and Transport Committee
Council Chamber, Town Hall, Lerwick
Wednesday 5 October 2011 at 10am

Present:

A T Doull	R S Henderson
J H Henry	A J Hughson
R C Nickerson	F A Robertson
G Robinson	J G Simpson

Apologies:

A Hughson	C H J Miller
G Robinson	A S Wishart

In Attendance (Officers):

P Crossland, Director of Infrastructure Services
M Craigie, Executive Manager, Transport Planning
M Dunne, Executive Manager, Environmental Health and Trading Standards
B Robb, Management Accountant
A Cogle, Service Manager - Administration
L Gair, Committee Officer

Also:

A T J Cooper

Chair:

In the absence of a Chair and Vic-Chair, the Committee appointed Mr Robertson as Chair pro-tem, on the motion of Mr Doull, seconded by Mr Henderson.

Mr Robertson, duly took the Chair.

Mr Robertson referred to the former Chair, Mrs Iris Hawkins and said that she had been a stalwart Member of the Council. He said that she was an extremely able and competent Member for the area and a good Chair of this Committee. On behalf of the Committee, Mr Robertson wished Mrs Hawkins a happy future with her new husband.

Circular:

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

Declarations of Interests

None.

12/11 **Minutes of Meeting**

The minute of the Environment and Transport Committee meeting held on 30 August 2011, having been circulated, was confirmed on the motion of Mr Henderson seconded by Mr Doull.

13/11 **HSE Proposal for Extending Cost Recovery**

The Committee considered a report by the Executive Manager - Environmental Health and Trading Standards (Report No: ES-17-11-F) which highlighted the HSE

paper – “HSE Proposal for Extending Cost Recovery”. The Committee were asked to consider the contents of the paper and also the Council’s proposed response.

During discussions, Members expressed concern regarding the proposals from the HSE and the impact the charges would have on small businesses, the voluntary sector and agriculture industry. Concern was also expressed on how the scale of charges would be applied in rural areas and how these charges would be recovered.

In moving the recommendations contained in the report, Mr Nickerson said that the response should include the concerns raised and a covering letter be issued to emphasise Member concerns regarding the impact of these charges on a rural island community.

Decision:

The Committee **RESOLVED** to approve the proposed response, with amendments to reflect the concerns of Members regarding the level of charges that will affect small businesses, voluntary sector, agricultural industry and social enterprises. In addition a covering letter is to be prepared, in consultation with the Chair, to highlight the impact these charges will have, in a rural island community.

14/11 **Consultation on Extending Local Bus Registration and Bus Service Operators Grant (BSOG) to Demand Responsive Transport (DRT)**

The Committee considered a report by the Executive Manager – Transport Planning (Report No: TR-24-11-F) which drew attention to the Council’s proposed response to the Scottish Government consultation on extending local bus registration and bus service operators grants to demand responsive transport.

Mr Simpson moved that the Committee approve the recommendations contained in the report, seconded by Mr Doull.

Decision:

The Committee **RESOLVED** to approve the proposed response to the Scottish Government.

In order to avoid the disclosure of exempt information, Mr Robertson moved, and Mr Doull seconded, to exclude the public in terms of the relevant legislation during consideration of the following.

15/11 **Skerries South Mouth Dredging Tender Report**

A report by the Executive Manager – Transport Planning advised the Committee on the latest tendering exercise for the Skerries South Mouth Dredging project.

Decision:

The Committee **RECOMMENDED** to the Council:

That an additional sum of money is allocated to the Skerries South Mouth Dredging project to allow it to proceed, this financial year, and that the second stage ERDF funding application be submitted to reflect and mitigate the increased cost of the project.

The meeting concluded at 10.45 am.

Chair