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**Special Shetland Islands Council
Council Chamber, Town Hall, Lerwick
Wednesday 26 February 2014 at 9.30 am.**

Present:

M Bell	M Burgess
P Campbell	G Cleaver
A Cooper	S Coutts
A Duncan	B Fox
R Henderson	A Manson
D Ratter	F Robertson
D Sandison	C Smith
G Smith	T Smith
M Stout	A Westlake
J Wills	A Wishart
V Wishart	

Apologies

G Robinson

In Attendance (Officers):

N Grant, Director of Development Services
M Craigie, Executive Manager – Transport Planning
J Gray, Executive Manager - Finance
S Thompson, Executive Manager – Schools
E Park, Transport Strategy Officer
P Wishart, Solicitor
C Anderson, Senior Communications Officer
L Gair, Committee Officer

Also in Attendance:

J Godfrey, TAS Partnership Limited

Chair:

M Bell, Convener of the Council, presided.

Circular:

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

Declarations of Interest

None

In order to avoid the disclosure of exempt information, Mr Bell moved, Mr C Smith seconded, and the Council agreed to exclude the public in terms of the relevant legislation during consideration of the following item of business.

10/14

Approval of School Transport Services to be Tendered

Bus Network Redesign – Proposed Network and Contract Principles

The Council considered a report by the Executive Manager – Transport Planning and the Transport Strategy Officer which presented the conclusions of the work undertaken by the TAS Partnership to review the Shetland Bus Network Redesign

and sought authority to tender the network of services described in the report using a Minimum Cost contract model.

The Executive Manager – Transport Planning introduced the report and explained the relationship between the public bus service and the school bus service and how they worked together to achieve the best efficiency in providing a bus service in Shetland. He also provided clarity on the roles and responsibilities of ZetTrans and the Council in regard to the provision of bus services.

During discussion Officers responded to Members questions.

Mr Cooper moved that the Council adopt the recommendations in the report. Ms V Wishart seconded.

Members spoke in support of the motion and the Chair commented on the work of Council Officers, Members, ZetTrans and the TAS Partnership. It was noted that there would be a culture change and that it would take time to get the point across however this was a very good indicator of how the Council was moving ahead into the future.

Dr Wills said that it was important to lobby to bring in regulations for traffic to stop behind school buses, as is done in the USA.

Decision:

The Council **RESOLVED** to:

- Authorise the Director of Development Services, or his nominee, to issue tenders for School Transport services (described in section 3.14 to 3.27 of the report) as part of the joint tendering exercise including Public bus services being carried out in partnership with ZetTrans; and
- noted the detail of the proposed Public Transport Network and estimated costs.

The meeting closed at 10.55am

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Convener