

# MINUTE

# “B - PUBLIC”

**Special Shetland Islands Council**  
**Council Chamber, Town Hall, Lerwick**  
**Monday 9 September 2013 at 2.00p.m.**

## **Present:**

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

## **Apologies**

M Burgess	F Robertson
C Smith	

## **In Attendance (Officers):**

M Boden, Chief Executive  
N Grant, Director – Development Services  
M Craigie, Executive Manager – Transport Operations  
J Gray, Executive Manager – Finance  
J Riise, Executive Manager – Governance and Law  
S Thompson, Executive Manager – Schools  
C Black, Team Leader – Contract Compliance  
P Wishart, Solicitor  
E Park, Transport Strategy Officer  
C Nicol, Transport Assistant  
C Anderson, Senior Communications Officer  
L Gair, Committee Officer

## **Also In Attendance**

C Hyslop, Audit Scotland  
J Taylor, The TAS Partnership Limited (TAS)

## **Chair:**

Mr M Bell, Convener of the Council, presided.

## **Circular:**

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

## **Declarations of Interest**

Mr Robinson declared an interest item 1 “Transport Network redesign Project - Update Following Consideration of Retendering Options” stating that his Uncle is a transport operator, however he said that this was a high level strategy matter and he would therefore take part in this item.

Mr Coutts and Mr Ratter declared an interest in item 1 “Transport Network redesign Project - Update Following Consideration of Retendering Options” as substitute Members of ZetTrans.

Mr Wishart, on behalf of all ZetTrans Councillor Members, declared an interest in item 1 “Transport Network redesign Project - Update Following Consideration of Retendering Options” but advised that they are given special exemption which allows them to take part in full.

Dr Wills declared an interest in item 1 “Transport Network redesign Project - Update following Consideration of Retendering Options” as an occasional user of the Bressay bus service.

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

76/13      **Transport Network Redesign Project**  
**Update Following Consideration of Retendering Options**

The Council considered a report by the Director of Development Services, which advised of the results of the additional work carried out to identify the implications of retendering the redesigned network of bus contracts.

The Convener advised that Mr Taylor of The TAS Partnership Ltd (TAS) would remain during Member’s questions and leave before Members enter into debate.

The Director of Development Services introduced the report, and responded to questions from Members.

During the discussion, the Director of Development Services advised that the report presented to Members proposed that the current tendering exercise be guillotined and that a 3-6 month delay be approved in order to do extensive work to identify efficiency savings on the network. He advised that the report had been presented to ZetTrans who had unanimously approved the recommendations in the report.

*(Mr Taylor left the Chamber)*

The meeting entered into debate and Mr Robinson said that based on what he had heard there was little to do but to move the recommendations in the report. Dr Wills seconded.

**Decision:**

The Council **RESOLVED** to:

- Guillotine the current tendering process;
- Authorise the Director of Development Services or his nominee to instruct the TAS Partnership Limited to carry out a detailed and objective review of the network and to consider the best means of procurement of both school and public bus services, including fully investigating the opportunities to achieve significant efficiency savings as detailed in the report.

The meeting closed at 3 p.m.

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Chair