

EX71. CONSULTATION ON BUS REGULATION (SCOTLAND) BILL

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Development Services presenting the proposed response to a consultation document.

The Council had been invited to comment on a proposal by Iain Gray MSP for a Bill to provide transport authorities with greater powers to set service levels for local bus services.

In terms of the Council's procedures for dealing with policy based consultations the draft response had been circulated to the Group Leaders. There had been no agreement in regard to the draft and it was therefore now submitted to the Executive for consideration.

Councillor Dr C R Martin moved the terms of the proposed response, subject to the substitution of paragraph 1 in the answer to question 1 with the following:

'Falkirk Council supports the proposed Bill to regulate bus services. The Council wishes to have a greater role in improving the standard of bus operation throughout the local area.'

Decision

The Executive agreed the adjusted response to the consultation by Iain Gray MSP on a Bus Regulation (Scotland) Bill.