(a) Bus Regulation

Council had, on 24 June 2015, in accordance with Standing Order 31.1, referred the following motion, which had been proposed by Councillor C R Martin, to the Executive:-

Council agrees that the Scottish Government should bring forward legislation to allow the regulation of buses and ensure that service provision matches need and is of high quality to make public transport an attractive, reliable and affordable option.

Councillor C R Martin, seconded by Councillor C Martin, moved the terms of the motion.

As an amendment, Councillor Alexander, seconded by Councillor Coleman, moved in substitution for the motion, that the Executive:-

- notes that the former Labour leader in Scotland, Ian Gray, brought forward a similar proposal within the Scottish Parliament but dropped it due to the £1 billion cost of implementation; and
- (2) therefore agrees to call on the author of this motion to return with a detailed proposal that includes details of how this can be funded and what services are to be cut in order to accommodate this proposal.

On a division, 8 members voted for the motion and 3 voted for the amendment, with voting as follows:-

For the motion (8) – Councillors Blackwood, D Goldie, G Goldie, Gow, Mahoney, C Martin, C R Martin and Nimmo.

For the Amendment (3) – Councillors Alexander, Coleman and Nicol.

Decision

The Executive agreed the motion.