

Minute of Strathclyde Concessionary Travel Scheme Joint Committee

14 August 2025

via Video Conference

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Minute of the meeting of Strathclyde Concessionary Travel Scheme Joint Committee held via Video Conference* on 14 August 2025

Present Councillors Stephen Dornan (Chair), William Goldie*, Neal Ingram*, Cathy McEwan*, Owen O'Donnell*, Duncan Townson* and David Wilson*

Attending Valerie Davidson, Chief Executive; Stuart Paul, Head of Finance and Amy Bryceland, Solicitor / Clerk

1. Apologies

Apologies were submitted from Councillors Craig Mackay, Alan Moir, Donald Reid and Iain Shonny Paterson.

2. Declaration of interest in terms of the Ethical Standards in Public Life etc (Scotland) Act 2000

No matters were raised.

3. Proposed revision to the Concession Fare Structure

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 6 August 2025 by the Treasurer recommending the Strathclyde Concessionary Travel Scheme Joint Committee approve a revision to the fare structure, effective from 1 September 2025, to align with the pending removal of peak fares on Scotrail services.

After hearing from Mrs Davidson and in response to members' questions, specifically relating to the alignment with the Senior Rail Card in terms of fare structure, the unintended consequences of the change on the total reimbursement to Scotrail and the financial stability of the Scheme, noting the Strathclyde scheme was one of only a few remaining rail schemes, and the need to keep the matter under review, the Joint Committee:

- (i) approved the fare structure as applicable to rail services be amended to a discount of one third;
 - (ii) approved that the eligibility times exclude previous "peak" service times; and
 - (iii) agreed that further work to review the Scheme structure and reimbursement arrangements with Scotrail are undertaken, having consideration to other available discounted tickets and available funding.
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