

CITY OF EDINBURGH COUNCIL

19 DECEMBER 2024

DEPUTATION REQUESTS

Subject	Deputation
3.1 In respect of Item 8.4 on the agenda – Motion by Councillor Jenkinson – Bus Driver Violence	Passenger Transport RISC Scotland (Written submission attached)
3.2 In respect of Item 8.5 on the agenda – Motion by Councillor Faccenda – Scotrail Ticket Offices	RMT Scotland

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Deputation: Stephen Payne – ASB Towards Bus Drivers

Good morning Chairperson, Council Leader, Convenor of the Transport Committee, and fellow attendees,

My name is Stephen Payne, and I am the Chairman of the Passenger Transport RISC in Scotland. Firstly I apologise for myself and my Regional officer Lyn Turner that we cannot be in attendance today, due to annual leave and other commitments, I therefore write to you today to fully support this motion addressing the growing issue of antisocial behaviour (ASB) towards bus drivers across the country.

I am requesting that the Council Leader and the Convenor of the Transport Committee support this motion wholeheartedly and take the necessary steps to engage with the Scottish Government and Transport Scotland. This issue demands urgent attention and decisive action.

As the Secretary of the SC21 branch, representing Lothian Buses, I have witnessed firsthand the considerable efforts made by the company to safeguard its employees. These initiatives have been commendable and will undoubtedly continue in the future. However, while these efforts are vital, they cannot fully address the scale of the challenge without broader systemic support and intervention.

I greatly appreciate the work undertaken by all involved bodies to address this issue thus far. However, I firmly believe that the time for discussions has passed. We now need concrete action to protect those who provide an essential service to our communities.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards,
Stephen Payne
SC21 Branch Secretary

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