

QUESTION NO 7

By Councillor Rose for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 11 March 2021

On 18th November 2020, the Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity stated, in response to a question about passenger services on the South Suburban Rail Line, “. . .the issue has already been identified as part of the pre-appraisal work for STPR2, which has been shared with regional transport partners, the city council and other Lothian councils. It is now for them to look at the details of that and consider what further work is necessary in order to take it forward.”

At City of Edinburgh Council (CEC) Transport and Environment Committee on 19th February 2021, an emergency motion was passed including the following: “Asks that Officers liaise with Transport Scotland and Network Rail, and report to Committee within 2 cycles on the possibilities surrounding the South Suburban Line being considered for use”

Given that the issue was identified as part of the pre-appraisal work for the Strategic Transport Projects Review shared with the Council, and that the Cabinet Secretary stated it was for CEC (inter alia) to look at the details and consider what further work is necessary to take it forward, can the Convener advise:

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| Question | (1) What work was undertaken by CEC to progress this issue prior to 18 th November 2020? |
| Answer | (1) |
| Question | (2) What work was undertaken by CEC to progress the issue between 18 th November 2020 and 19 th February 2021? |
| Answer | (2) |