The Committee will meet at 9.30 am in Committee Room 1, to consider the following agenda items:

1. **Items in Private**: The Committee will consider whether to take agenda items 3 and 5 in private.

2. **Subordinate Legislation**: The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—

   - The Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations, (SSI 2002/147)
   - The Scottish Water (Rate of Return) (Scotland) Order 2002 (SSI 2002/165)
   - The Water and Sewerage Charges (Exemption) (Scotland) Regulations 2002 (SSI 2002/167)
   - The Scottish Administration (Offices) Order 2002, (SSI 2002/801)

3. **2003-04 Budget Process**: The Committee will consider the evidence it has taken as part of its consideration of the 2003-04 budget process.

4. **2003-04 Budget Process (in private)**: The Committee will consider possible areas of questioning for the Deputy Minister for Enterprise, Transport and Lifelong Learning as part of its consideration of the 2003-04 budget process.

5. **Work Programme**: The Committee will consider its work programme.
6. **2003-04 Budget Process:** The Committee will take evidence as part of its consideration of the 2003-04 Budget Process from—

   Lewis Macdonald, Deputy Minister for Enterprise, Transport and Lifelong Learning

7. **Public Petition:** The Committee will take evidence on Petition PE357 by Aberdeen City Council on Investment Transport Infrastructure from—

   Lewis Macdonald, Deputy Minister for Enterprise, Transport and Lifelong Learning

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TRANSPORT AND THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Subject: Petition 357 – Petition by Aberdeen City Council on investment in Transport Infrastructure

Meeting No: 14th Meeting

Meeting Date: Wednesday 1 May 2002

Introduction

Petition PE 357 by Mr Douglas Paterson, Chief Executive of Aberdeen City Council, requests that the Parliament support calls for the necessary investment in transport infrastructure in the Aberdeen area. The following papers are attached for members’ information:

- a copy of the petition;
- a written submission from the Scottish Executive;
- a written submission from the petitioners;
- a further submission containing additional information supplied subsequent to the Committee meeting of 9 November 2001.

The Deputy Minister for Enterprise, Transport and Lifelong Learning will update members on the Aberdeen transport infrastructure situation. Members will then have the opportunity to question the Minister and, thereafter, to consider his evidence.

Progress of the Petition

The Public Petitions Committee first considered the Petition on 8 May 2001. The PPC agreed to seek the views of the Scottish Executive on the issues raised and on the current status of talks with NESEDEP (North-East Scotland Economic Development Partnership, the predecessor organisation of NESTRANS) on these issues. The PPC considered the response from the Executive at their meeting on 19 June and agreed to refer the petition to this Committee.

This Transport and the Environment Committee first considered the petition on 5 September, and agreed to take evidence from the North-East Scotland Transport Forum (NESTRANS) which comprises representatives of Aberdeen City Council, Aberdeenshire Council, the Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce, and Scottish Enterprise Grampian.

The Committee heard this evidence at their meeting in Aberdeen on 9 November 2001. After hearing this evidence the Committee noted that the witnesses had offered to provide supplementary written evidence to the Committee. The Committee agreed to defer consideration of its response to Petition PE357 until this evidence had been received.
The Committee considered the further evidence from the petitioners, at its meeting on 19 December 2001. The Committee agreed to take evidence from the Minister for Enterprise, Transport and Lifelong Learning in order to raise the points that had emerged in evidence. The Committee agreed to question the Minister on areas of concern outlined by NESTRANS; how the Modern Transport System (MTS) envisaged by NESTRANS fits into the Transport Delivery Plan; the development of national transport priorities; and issues arising from the petition.

**Progress of the Modern Transport System (MTS)**

NESTRANS is currently developing certain proposals from its integrated Modern Transport System (MTS) using the Scottish Transport Appraisal Guidance (STAG), which is designed to allow evaluation of schemes across different modes of transport.

Some of the proposals within the MTS have already been taken forward, as can be seen from the most recent NESTRANS submission and also within the Transport Delivery Plan.

The Executive's previously stated position is that officials are in regular contact with NESTRANS regarding the proposals for an integrated Modern Transport System (MTS).

On 14 March 2001 the Minister for Transport and Planning announced a £1,25 Million package to assist the MTS development.

In addition to this, on 19 March 2002 the Minister for Enterprise, Transport and Lifelong Learning announced a £585,000 package to assist NESTRANS in the further development of the MTS. On 19 March, the Minister also allocated £600,000 from the Integrated Transport Fund (ITF) to the development of Aberdeen City Council's Urban Realm projects, which are proposals aimed at traffic reduction and the development of the North East economy.

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