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Dear Mr Mountain,

I write in response to your letter of 12th July regarding Bus Service Improvement partnerships and Local Service Partnerships.

Presently in Shetland ZetTrans consults on a 5 yearly cycle regarding all bus services which are then contracted through the local authority. No services are economically viable so there are none operated on a commercial basis. The current round of contracts are due to finish in August 2025 and we have just begun working with consultants on all aspects of the new contracts.

Part of this process will be to look at how different models of service provision may or may not be applicable in Shetland. Until we have the outcome of this process we will not be able to say whether forming BSIPs and Local Service Partnerships will be recommended as an option for future services. Our new RTS commits us to explore the application of bus related powers granted through the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019 to support the delivery of an enhanced bus network in Shetland

We would, of course, be interested in hearing what additional support and help may be available in order to assist us in providing best value optimum services for our islands, increasing use of bus services and consequently reducing road miles and emissions.

Councillor Moraig Lyall
Chair of ZetTrans