

Fife Council – 23rd September, 2021

Conjoined Motion 8 and 9

“Council notes with concern the proposed changes to the Scotrail timetable which will have the overall effect of reducing services for Fife.

Council believes these changes will be counterproductive in terms of our efforts to reduce the carbon footprint and are extremely disappointing when considered in the context of the higher charges and service failures we have seen in Fife over recent years.

The emerging pattern of commuter travel is by no means certain, and working from home is still prevalent, making the scale of the proposed changes premature.

Council welcomes the provision for Leven and future expansion of the network but has concerns at the increasing journey times and reduction in fast services.

Council further believes that the Scottish Government should have set out a comprehensive plan for encouraging the safe return to public transport rather than allowing further cuts to services which run against commitments to tackle climate change.

Council therefore agrees:

To write to Scotrail expressing our concerns about these proposed cuts to services and requesting an urgent meeting to discuss them;

To write to the Scottish Government urging them to set out a comprehensive plan for the safe return to public transport; and

To encourage Fife residents to make their views to these proposals known to Scotrail through the consultation which closes on 1st October 2021. “

Proposed by Councillor Altany Craik

Seconded by Councillor Jane Ann Liston