

the scottish co-operative party



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Humza Yousaf MSP
The Scottish Parliament
Edinburgh
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Dear Humza,

I note your call in the media to political parties and trade unions to discuss how to implement a publicly owned ScotRail.

You will be aware that the Scottish Co-operative Party along with ASLEF and SERA Scotland produced a report in 2013 entitled, *'A People's Railway for Scotland.'*

I enclose a copy of our report which I think you will find useful. The report calls for the Scottish Government to take control of the ScotRail franchise and put in place a model that would run the service in the interests of the people of Scotland. This would see profit invested directly back into the service itself rather than paid to shareholders.

The Scottish Co-operative Party believes that ScotRail will greatly benefit from the inclusion of passengers and employees within the governance of the franchise and would allow for greater accountability to the people of Scotland in relation to this vital service.

We hope that you will take the time to read our report, which we believe makes a strong case for a railway in Scotland, run in the interests of the people of Scotland. We would be more than happy to engage in further discussions about this with you.

Yours sincerely,

Cathy Peattie
Chair
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