

## Sent on behalf of John Yule

Hi Everyone. As we near the end of an operationally successful July/August peak running season, you are overdue a JY Communications Update on various Railway matters, but for now I would like to concentrate on two important announcements:

### **1. SRC AGM @ 11am Saturday 2nd November 2024, Cairngorm Hotel**

Formal Notice of the AGM and the issue of the Agenda, supporting Papers, etc., will be arranged via the Company Secretary, Duncan Gilmour in the usual manner. Ahead of the meeting if you would like to raise an issue or ask a question about the SRC's operations please contact Duncan.

For your information, the SRC/SRA Joint Board Group (JBG) agreed that it would make good sense, facilitate stronger attendance and encourage better understanding across the Railway, if the two key Strathspey Railway bodies held their AGM's on the same day.

The SRA AGM will therefore be held in the afternoon of the 2nd commencing at 1pm, in the Cairngorm Hotel and again formal Notice will be issued in due course with details of the usual pre and post AGM activities.

It is also hoped that Papers from the SRCT (R2G) and other key SR partner bodies will also be available on the day.

### **2. Finalised SRC Management Structure**

Having established the Management Committee under the General Manager, the JBG has agreed that the SRC Board should evolve into a strategic board, to which the Management Committee reports via the General Manager.

The undernoted positions have been agreed as being essential for the new SRC Board:

Chairman  
Finance Director  
Safety & Standards Director  
Strategic & External Affairs Director  
SRA Representative

It is hoped that appointments to the new SRC Board can be made at the November AGM, subject to filling the positions with suitable candidates.

A paper setting out the requirements of each Board role is nearing finalisation and will include the ideal skill sets and experience sought for each role. This will be issued as part of a future Comms Update. Nominations for each of these positions will be sought from interested parties well ahead of the SRC AGM to allow the JBG to assess applicants.

The new SRC Board will have the power to co-opt two further Directors with the particular skills or expertise they identify as necessary, and I will leave this to the new Board to determine.

Please give due consideration to attendance at the AGM's and to the filling of the Board positions, including highlighting to others who may be suitably qualified, this opportunity to take the SR forward and build on the incredible work and support that so many of you have done and given across the railway, since the nadir and dark days of November last year.

All the best,

**John Yule**  
Interim Chairman

