

Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Minute of Operations Committee

26 June 2015

held in Consort House, Glasgow

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Minute of the meeting of Strathclyde Partnership for Transport's Operations Committee held in Consort House, Glasgow on 26 June 2015

- Present** Councillors Denis McKenna (Chair), Malcolm Balfour, Bill Grant, Alan Moir, Robert G MacIntyre, Hamish Stewart and appointed member Graham Johnston.
- Attending** Valerie Davidson, Secretary/Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support); Kirsten Gibson, Committee Support Officer; Gordon MacIennan, Chief Executive; Ronnie Park, Director of Bus Operations and Alex Scott, Bus Contracts Manager.
- Also attending** John Yellowlees, Scotrail.

1. Apologies

Apologies were submitted from Councillors Tony Buchanan, Jim Coleman, Chris Kelly, Kaye Harmon, Bobby McDill, Lawrence O'Neil and David Wilson and appointed member Niall McGrogan.

2. Declaration of interest in terms of the Ethical Standards in Public Life etc (Scotland) Act 2000

The committee noted that there were no declarations of interest.

3. Minute of previous meeting

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The minute of the meeting of 1 May 2015 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

4. Monitoring report on public transport services in the SPT area

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 17 June 2015 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) informing the committee of the latest trends in the number of passengers carried and the reliability of services directly operated and supported by the Partnership and on ScotRail services in the SPT area; and
- (2) providing information on the current status of SPT's bus action plan for the continuing improvement of bus service delivery within the region, regulating and fleet profile statistics and details of subsidised local bus service vehicle inspections.

After discussion and having heard Mr Park in further explanation and in answer to members' questions, the committee noted the terms of the report.

Thereon, Mr Yellowlees provided an update on a number of topics, including proposed engineering works and their impact on services and the outcome of the recent ASLEF ballot relating to potential industrial action.

5. Subsidised local bus service contract recommendations – financial implications

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 18 June 2015 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support) advising the committee of the financial implications of members' possible

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decisions relating to further items on the agenda.

After discussion, the committee

- (1) noted the report in relation to the financial implications of awarding any contracts; and
- (2) agreed to give due consideration to the implications when making decisions on those contracts.

6. Temporary contract awarded

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There was submitted and noted a report (issued) of 3 June 2015 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations) advising members of temporary contracts awarded under delegated authority since the beginning of May 2015 to ensure that gaps in the network arising from commercial market changes were filled and that the tendering process would continue to ensure that the contracts were replaced on a more long term basis.

7. Proposed award of subsidised local bus service contracts

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 18 June 2015 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) informing members of the tenders received for the renewal of certain local subsidised bus service contracts; and
- (2) providing information on the various options contained in the tender documents; and
- (3) recommending the award of appropriate contracts.

After discussion, and having heard Mr Scott in further explanation and the committee commend the Operations Team for their considerable efforts in securing bus provision, the committee

- (a) agreed to the award of the following contracts:-
 - (i) contract 0906G Castlemilk - Rutherglen - Greenfield - Queenslie (service 46) to First Glasgow at a cost of £272,526 for the contract period from 12 July 2015 to 14 July 2018; and
 - (ii) contract W080E1 Partick - Broomhill - Gartnavel Hospital (service 141) to McGill's Buses at a cost of £10,000 for the contract period from 12 July 2015 to 16 July 2016; and
- (b) noted
 - (i) the award of contract W044C Glasgow, George Square - SECC - Riverside Museum (service 100) on behalf of Glasgow City Council to Garelohead Coaches at a cost of £164,272 for the contract period from 28 June 2015 to 15 September 2018, this commencement date being subject to the approval of the Office of the Traffic Commissioner for Scotland; and
 - (ii) that the award of the contracts were subject to satisfaction of the requirements of the mandatory standstill period for EU advertised public sector contracts.

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- (3) recommending the award of appropriate contracts.

After discussion and having heard Mr Scott in further explanation, the committee

(a) agreed to the award of the following contracts:-

- (i) package 16524 containing contracts, 6790H1 Dunure - Ayr - Straiton (service 361), 6941W1 Rankinston - Ayr (service 347) and 6942P Cumnock – New Cumnock - Bellsbank (service 356) to Western Buses at a cost of £1,154,194 for the contract period from 12 July 2015 to 14 July 2018;
- (ii) contract 2876G1 Cumbernauld Local (service 343) to JD Coaches at a cost of £93,600 for the contract period from 12 July 2015 to 14 July 2018; and
- (iii) contract 2876G2 Cumbernauld Rail Station – Abronhill – Wardpark Industrial Estate to McNairn Coaches at a cost of £86,000 for the contract period from 12 July 2015 to 14 July 2018; and

(b) noted that the award of the contracts at (a) above were subject to satisfaction of the requirements of the mandatory standstill period for EU advertised public sector contracts.

9. Amendments to subsidised local bus service contracts

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After consideration of a report (issued) of 3 June 2015 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations) detailing changes to subsidised local bus services arising from changed circumstances, the committee noted the amendments as detailed below:-

Contract	Amendment
Contracts W080T5 & 0957H Partick – Broomhill - Gartnavel Hospital (service 141)	Contracts cancelled with effect from 17 May 2015 following the introduction of a commercial Monday – Friday daytime service operating within that area.
Contract 0914J Glasgow Inner Circle (services 89/90)	Alteration to route to accommodate the temporary closure of Govan Bus Station, as a consequence of planned refurbishment works with effect from 31 May 2015. (no additional cost)

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Contract	Amendment
Contract W007A & W007B1 Govan - Victoria Infirmary (service 121)	Alteration to route within the current contract W007A with effect from 31 May 2015 and within the succeeding contract W007B1 with effect from 12 July 2015 to accommodate the temporary closure of Govan Bus Station, as a consequence of planned refurbishment works. (no additional cost)
Contract W033A Milngavie – Annieland (service 15); and Duntocher/Hardgate – Garnavel Hospital (service 118)	Alteration to timetable following Glasgow CityBus's network revisions with effect from 22 June 2015. (no additional cost)
Contract W064A Milngavie – Kirkintilloch (services 47/47A)	Contract suspended following the provision of a commercial service by another operator with effect from 18 May 2015. Consideration would be given to the relocation of the SPT vehicle currently assigned to that contract.
Contract W024C1 Cliffonville – Coatbridge – Carnbroe (service 77); and Townhead – Coatbridge - Carnbroe (services 117)	Contract withdrawn, in order to realign provision, following JJ Travel's network revisions which provided service 77 on a commercial basis.
Contracts 6517G,6518G, 6519G, 6520G, 6521G, 6522G, 6524G, 6628J, 6747M & 6525H Isle of Arran network (services 321, 322, 323 & 324)	Start date of contracts 6517G,6518G, 6519G, 6520G, 6521G, 6522G, 6524G, 6628J and 6747M had been changed from 26 October 2014 until 3 April 2015 and the cost reduced on a pro rata basis to £2,825,889.80 due to a later than anticipated delivery of vehicles. Start date of contract 6525H had also been delayed until 3 April 2015 at no additional cost.

10. Enhanced DRT funding application: Community Transport Glasgow

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After consideration of a report (issued) of 17 June 2015 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations) providing background information in relation to a funding application by Community Transport Glasgow, the committee agreed to the award of grant funding of £105,000 for the current financial year 2015/2016.

11. Purchase of vehicles

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With reference to the minute of the Strategy & Programmes Committee of 30 January 2015 (page 4, paragraph 8) when that committee had agreed that SPT's fleet replacement criteria be amended so as to permit vehicle renewal at 250,000 miles rather than the previously agreed 300,000 miles, there was submitted and approved a report (issued) of 15 June 2015 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

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- (1) informing members that, following a review of the current fleet, five vehicles currently engaged on bus service contracts were approaching the 250,000 miles point;
- (2) explaining that taking account of lead times for delivery, the appropriate steps should be taken now to source replacements through SPT's vehicle purchasing framework; and
- (3) recommending that the committee agree to the award of a contract to Optare Group Ltd in the sum of £575,000 for the purchase of five 7.9m Optare Solo buses.

12. Requests for subsidised local bus services

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 29 May 2015 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations) advising members of requests for the provision of subsidised local bus services.

After consideration and having heard Mr Scott in further explanation, the committee agreed as follows in respect of the undernoted request:-

Request	Decision
To amend the route of subsidised service 84/84A/84B to operate via Gartshore Crescent, Twechar. (Report item a)	Investigate operational implications of varying existing provision of service 84/84A/84B.

13. Additional Item

In terms of Standing Order no 3.2, the committee agreed to consider the following additional item of business at this stage of the meeting.

14. Proposed Award of early years Fastlink capital support Network Enhancement Grant Funding

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There was submitted and approved a report (issued) of 25 June 2015 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) detailing bids which had been submitted for early years Fastlink capital support (Network Enhancement Grant) funding to support the development of local bus services operating on the Fastlink corridor and associated extended routes to the South Glasgow Hospital (SGH); and
- (2) recommending
 - (a) the award of Network Enhancement grant funding of approximately £1,150,000 for a 4 year period commencing 31 August 2015, or a date thereafter to be agreed with SPT to Stagecoach Western Buses who would supply the buses out of its own fleet order; and
 - (b) the award of Network Enhancement grant funding to McGill's Bus Service at a cost of approximately £1,300,000 for a 4 year period commencing 31 August

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2015, or a date thereafter to be agreed with SPT, following a mini tendering exercise for the supply of the vehicles from the SPT Procurement Framework.