

Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Minute of Operations Committee

11 March 2016

held in 131 St Vincent Street, Glasgow

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Minute of the meeting of Strathclyde Partnership for Transport's Operations Committee held in 131 St Vincent Street, Glasgow, on 11 March 2016

Present Councillors Kaye Harmon (Chair), Malcolm Balfour, Jonathan Findlay, Bill Grant, Bobby McDill and Hamish Stewart and appointed member Graham Johnston.

Attending Valerie Davidson, Secretary/Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support); Valerie A Bowen, Senior Committee Officer; Eric Stewart, Assistant Chief Executive (Operations); Charlie Hoskins, Senior Director; Neil Wylie, Director of Finance and HR and Frank Rennie, Network Planning Team Leader.

1. Apologies

Apologies were submitted by Councillors Duncan Cumming (substitute), Robert G MacIntyre, Denis McKenna, Alan Moir and Lawrence O'Neill.

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 22 January 2016 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 and noted a report (issued) of 1 March 2016 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.

5. Subsidised local bus service contract recommendations – financial implications

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 25 February 2016 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support) advising the committee of the financial implications of members' possible 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.

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6. Temporary contract awarded

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There was submitted and noted a report (issued) of 1 March 2016 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) advising members of a temporary contract awarded under delegated authority, on behalf of West Dunbartonshire Council; and
- (2) informing members that the contract, which was a pilot service wholly funded by that Council, was to provide direct links from Clydebank to the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital Campus.

7. Proposed renewal of subsidised local bus service contract

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 1 March 2016 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) informing members of tenders received for the renewal of certain local subsidised bus services;
- (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 Rennie in further explanation, the committee

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

- (i) package 16838, which contained contracts W030C1 (services M2,74), W031D1 (service 29) and W039D2 (service 205) to First Glasgow at a cost of £570,960, for the contract period from 17 July 2016 to 10 July 2021;
- (ii) contract 4980G (service 14) to McGill's Buses at a cost of £76,400 for the contract period from 17 July 2016 to 14 July 2018;
- (iii) contract LS074N (services 245,310) to McGill's Buses at a cost of £1,111,835 for the contract period from 17 July 2016 to 10 July 2021;
- (iv) contract LS076M (service 312) to McGill's Buses at a cost of £99,106 for the contract period from 17 July 2016 to 14 July 2018;
- (v) contract LS083G (service 165) to McGill's Buses at a cost of £110,000 for the contract period from 17 July 2016 to 14 July 2018;
- (vi) contract W038E (service 70) to Gibson Direct at a cost of £61,551 for the contract period from 17 July 2016 to 13 July 2019;
- (vii) contract W047D (service 20) to McGill's Buses at a cost of £18,009 for the contract period from 17 July 2016 to 13 July 2019;
- (viii) contract W048D (service X6A) to Gibson Direct at a cost of £59,991 for the contract period from 17 July 2016 to 13 July 2019;

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- (ix) contract W056D (service 213) to McGill's Buses at a cost of £193,947 for the contract period from 17 July 2016 to 13 July 2019;
 - (x) contract W083P1 (service 172) to McGill's Buses at a cost of £169,320 for the contract period from 17 July 2016 to 10 July 2021; and
 - (xi) contract 6965E1 (MyBus Rural 700) to Shuttle Buses at a cost of £599,750 for the contract period from 17 July 2016 to 17 July 2021; and
- (b) noted that the award of the contracts were subject to satisfaction of the requirements of the mandatory standstill period for EU advertised public sector contracts.

8. Amendments to subsidised local bus service contracts

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After consideration of a report (issued) of 12 February 2016 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations) detailing changes to subsidised local bus services arising from changed circumstances, the committee approved the amendments as detailed below:-

Contract	Amendment
Contract 6517G Brodick - Blackwaterfoot via South Island (service 323) Brodick - Blackwaterfoot via North Island (service 324)	Alteration to timetable of services with effect from 25 March 2016 to maintain interchange opportunities with Ardrossan-Brodick ferry (no additional cost)
Contract 6790H1 Dunure - Ayr – Straiton (service 361)	Alteration to timetable of service with effect from 28 March 2016 to address timekeeping issues (no additional cost)
Contract W040A1 Kilmarnock - Southcraig – Galston (service 332) Kilmarnock - Moorfield Industrial Park (service 333) Kilmarnock - Grange Estate/Southcraig (service 334)	Alteration to route of service 332 for an estimated period of 3 months with effect from 25 January 2016 due to planned road closure to facilitate property repair works (no additional cost)
Contract 9592E1 Paisley - Inchinnan Business Park (service 66) Gallowhill/Paisley - Dykebar Hospital/Neilston (service 166)	Alteration to route and timetable of service 166 for an estimated period of 3 months with effect from 1 February 2016 due to planned road closure to facilitate railway bridge repair works (additional cost of £107 per week for duration of works)
Contract W100T Cumnock – Kilmarnock (service X76)	Contract extended from 3 April to 16 July 2016 after which date the journey would be incorporated within the substantive contract for the route (additional cost of £51 per week)

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Contract	Amendment
Contract 2838H Glasgow - Kirkintilloch/Torrance (service 72) Moodiesburn – Kirkintilloch (service 178)	Alteration to route of services for an estimated period of 2 months with effect from 8 February 2016 due to planned road closure to facilitate a streetscape project. Future progress of the works would require supplementary alterations to the route of these services until completion of the project in August 2017 (no additional cost)
Contract W022C Harthill/Torbothie - Shotts - Wishaw General Hospital/Netherton Industrial Estate/ Ravenscraig Sports Centre (services 365/366/367)	Alteration to route of service 366 for an estimated period of 6 months with effect from 4 January 2016 due to planned road closure to facilitate railway bridge repair works (additional cost of £39 per week for the duration of the works)
Contract 4833K Hairmyres Station Interlink (service 399)	Alteration to timetable of service with effect from 3 April 2016 to improve connections with peak train arrival and departures at Hairmyres Rail Station (no additional cost)
Contract 2876G1 Cumbernauld Local (service 343) Cumbernauld - Condorrat – Seafar (service 343A)	Alteration to route and timetable of service 343A with effect from 17 January 2016 following changes to the commercial bus network and analysis of passenger usage (reduction in cost of £139 per week)
Contract 4801S Carnwath - Lanark – Braehead (service 137)	Alteration to timetable of service with effect from 3 April 2016 to address reliability issues stemming from excessive delays at Cleghorn level crossing near Lanark (no additional cost)

9. Proposed award of contracts for Subway replacement bus service during ramps and turnout works

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With reference to the minute of 21 January 2016 (page 1, paragraph 4) when the committee had

- (1) been provided with information in relation to the development of a full circle Subway bus replacement plan, which would come into effect during the closure of the Subway for a four week period during the summer school holidays 2016 to allow works to take place; and
- (2) noted that a report on tenders for the replacement bus services would be submitted to a future meeting of the Partnership,

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there was submitted a report (issued) of 18 February 2016 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (a) informing members of tenders received for a Subway bus replacement service which had been divided into three individual contracts, viz.
- Sub 1, Subway route, daily services, early morning – late evening services;
 - Sub 2, Subway route, Monday to Saturday, daytime and mid-evening services; and
 - Sub 3, City Centre direct routes, Monday to Saturday, early morning – late evening and Sundays morning – early evening;
- (b) intimating that, in each case, the contracts had been advertised on a gross cost basis whereby SPT retained the fare revenue;
- (c) detailing the fares to be charged as undernoted:-

Subway Bus Service - Fares		
	Adult	Child
Single	£1.00	£0.50
Return	£2.00	£1.00
All day	£2.50	n/a
Concession		
	£0.00 (no charge)	
Park and Ride		
	£4.00 (all day parking with return travel)	

- (d) recommending that the committee approve the award of the following contracts for a period of approximately 4 weeks:-

Contract	Contractor	Amount	Remarks
Sub1	First Glasgow	£187,748	Best value tender
Sub 2	First Glasgow	£71,527	Best value tender
Sub 3	First Glasgow	£91,591	Best value tender

After consideration, the committee

- (i) approved the recommendations at (d) above; and
- (ii) noted that the contracts might be subject to post tender negotiation should it prove necessary to refine operational requirements.

10. Request for subsidised local bus service

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There was submitted and approved a report (issued) of 12 February 2016 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations) advising members of two requests for the provision of subsidised local bus services and recommending no action in respect of each request.