

Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Minute of Chair's Committee

27 June 2014

held in Consort House, Glasgow

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Minute of the meeting of Strathclyde Partnership for Transport's Chair's Committee held in Consort House, Glasgow, on 27 June 2014

Present Councillors Denis McKenna (Chair) and Kaye Harmon.

Attending Valerie Davidson, Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support)/Secretary; Valerie A Bowen, Senior Committee Officer; Gordon MacLennan, Chief Executive and Alex Scott, Bus Services Manager.

1. Apology

An apology was submitted from Councillor Jim Coleman.

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. Proposed renewal of subsidised local bus service contracts

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With reference to the minutes of the Operations Committees of 31 January 2014 (page 2, paragraph 7) and 14 March 2014 (page 3, paragraph 8) when those committees had approved tender packages submitted by Henderson Travel for the provision of subsidised local bus services, there was submitted a report (issued) of 24 June 2014 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations),

- (1) informing members that Henderson Travel, after prolonged consideration, had intimated that it could not now accept the award of the package;
- (2) explaining
 - (a) that, where compliant individual tender prices for the various contracts were found acceptable in terms of cost, these would now be awarded instead, thereby ensuring continuity of services to the public; and
 - (b) that a number of the contracts in question would be retendered since, in some cases, the individual prices received were felt to be excessive while, in others, there had been changes to the commercial bus network in the intervening period which had implications for subsidised bus service provision;
- (2) providing information on the tenders and various options contained therein; and
- (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 to Henderson Travel Ltd:-
 - (i) contract 2827K (service147), at a cost of £202,309 for the contract period 13 July 2014 to 15 July 2017;
 - (ii) contract 2838G (services 72/178), at a cost of £320,254 for the contract period 13 July 2014 to 15 July 2017;

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- (iii) contract 4840F1 (services 395/396), at a cost of £581,740 for the contract period 13 July 2014 to 15 July 2017;
 - (iv) contract 4846N (service 13), at a cost of £199,000 for the contract period 13 July 2014 to 15 July 2017;
 - (v) contract W064 (service 47/47A), at a cost of £207,837 for the contract period 13 July 2014 to 15 July 2017; and
 - (vi) contract 9593D (MyBus services M15/M96), at a cost of £2,586,058 for the contract period 13 July 2014 to 13 July 2019; and
- (b) noted that the award of the contracts was subject to satisfaction of the requirements of the mandatory standstill period for EU advertised public sector contracts.