

## **Strathclyde Partnership for Transport**

### **Minute of Operations Committee**

**10 March 2017**

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 10 March 2017**

**Present** Councillors Kaye Harmon (Chair), Bill Grant, Gerald Leonard, Alan Moir, Bobby McDill, Robert G MacIntyre and Hamish Stewart and appointed members Gregory Beecroft and Graham Johnston.

**Attending** Valerie Davidson, Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support)/Secretary; Valerie A Bowen, Senior Committee Officer; Gordon MacLennan, Chief Executive; Eric Stewart, Assistant Chief Executive (Operations); Charlie Hoskins, Senior Director; Neil Wylie, Director of Finance and HR and Alex Scott, Bus Services Manager.

**1. Apologies**

Apologies were submitted from Councillors Malcolm Balfour, Jonathan Findlay, Denis McKenna, Lawrence O'Neill and David Wilson.

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

Councillor Moir declared an interest in respect of his employment with ScotRail in relation to a possible overlap with Network Rail discussions.

**3. Minute of previous meeting**

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The minute of the meeting of 20 January 2017 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 2 March 2017 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 (tabled at the meeting); 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 Messrs Stewart, Hoskins and Scott in further explanation and in answer to members' questions, the committee noted the terms of the report.

**5. Subsidised local bus service contract recommendations – financial implications**

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 23 February 2017 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 consideration, the committee

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

**6. Proposed renewal of subsidised local bus service contracts**

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 21 February 2017 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) informing members of tenders received for the renewal of local subsidised bus service contracts;
- (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, the committee

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

<b>Contract</b>	<b>Contractor/Amount</b>
Package 17004 containing:- Contract 4761G Carnbroe – Airdrie – Chapelhall/ Carnbroe – Coatbridge – Salsburgh (service 16); and Contract W061B Little Earnock/High Earnock/ Whitehill – Hamilton Bus Station/ Hillhouse (services 226/227/228)	JJ Travel at a cost of £319,800 for the contract periods 16 July 2017 to 16 July 2022 in respect of contract 4761G and to 11 July 2020 in respect of contract W061B
Package 17039 containing:- contract 4953H1 Lanark – Wanlockhead (services 30/31); and W074B2 Lanark – Crossford – Hamilton (services 317)	Stuarts Coaches at a cost of £920,282, for the contract period 16 July 2017 to 16 July 2022
Package 17035 containing :- Contract 4801U Carnwath – Lanark – Forth – Braehead (service 137); Contract 4865D Lanark – Symington – Biggar (service 191); Contract W071A Lanark Local – New Lanark/ Lanark – Crossford (services 135/317B) Contract W072A Carluke Local/Carluke – Lower Braidwood (services 247A/247B)	Stuarts Coaches at a cost of £615,924 for the contract period 16 July 2017 to 11 July 2020
2838J1 Glasgow City Centre- Kirkintilloch/ Torrance (service 72) Moodiesburn – Kirkintilloch (service 178)	McGill’s Buses at a cost of £587,910 for the contract period 16 July 2017 to 16 July 2022

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3164P Glasgow City Centre - Roystonhill - Stobhill Hospital (service 329)	McGill's Buses at a cost of £49,920, for the contract period 16 July 2017 to 11 July 2020
W057B Gartnavel Hospital – Clydebank (service11)	McGill's Buses at a cost of £142,161, for the contract period 16 July 2017 to 11 July 2020
W024G Carnbroe - Coatbridge - Cliftonville - Monklands Hospital (service 77) Townhead - Coatbridge - Cliftonville - Monklands Hospital – Carnbroe (service 117)	JJ Travel at a cost of £208,314 for the contract period 16 July 2017 to 11 July 2020
W077A Carluke - Law - Wishaw General Hospital (service 10/10A/10X) Carluke - Law – Hamilton (service 243)	McGill's Buses at a cost of £389,985 for the contract period 16 July 2017 to 16 July 2022
LS097N Antonine Park – Clydebank - Whitecrook (services 184/184A)	McColl's Travel at a cost of £280,500 for the contract period 16 July 2017 to 16 July 2022
Cross boundary contract W012B Alexandria – Luss (service 305) Alexandria – Helensburgh (service 306) Old Bonhill/Alexandria – Balmaha (service 309)	Garelochhead Coaches at cost of £505,000, with £434,502 apportioned to SPT, for the contract period 16 July 2017 to 11 July 2020, subject to approval of the contract by Stirling Council
W064B Milngavie - Torrance - Kirkintilloch (service 47/47A)	McColl's Travel at a cost of £305,000, for the contract period 16 July 2017 to 16 July 2022
4840J1 East Kilbride – Uplawmoor (service 395)	McGill's Buses at a cost of £862,245 for the contract period 16 July 2017 to 16 July 2022;
2928P Torrance – Glasgow City Centre (services 68/71/71A)	McGill's Buses at a cost of £199,626, for the contract period 16 July 2017 to 11 July 2020
4846R East Kilbride – Strathaven – Hamilton Bus Station (service 13)	McGill's Buses at a cost of £181,192, for the contract period 16 July 2017 to 13 July 2019
Girvan – Newton Stewart (Cross boundary service 359)	Contribution to the operation of the service, managed by SWestrans, in the sum of £139,418, for the contract period 3 April 2017 to 9 August 2020. Award

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subject to approval by South Ayrshire  
Council and Swestrans

and

- (b) noted that the tender submitted by McGill's Buses in respect of contract 4833M Hairmyres Station Interlink (service 399) had been withdrawn.

**7. Amendments to subsidised local bus service contracts**

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After consideration of a report (issued) of 20 February 2017 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations) detailing changes to subsidised local bus services arising from changed circumstances, the committee agreed the amendments as detailed below:-

<b>Contract</b>	<b>Amendment</b>
Contract W030C1 Toryglen – Croftfoot (service M2) Toryglen – Castlemilk (service 74)	Alteration to route of service M2, with effect from 9 January 2017 for an estimated period of 3 months, to facilitate utility works.  (no additional cost)
Contract W046B Greenock - Midton (service 507)	Original route of service re-instated on 15 January 2017 following completion of bridge strengthening works  (no additional cost)
Stirling Council Contract S16/C10a Balfron - Strathblane - Milngavie – Glasgow City Centre (service C10)	Stirling Council advised SPT of an alteration to the route and timetable of a Saturday early evening departure from Balfron to Glasgow City Centre with effect from 11 March 2017  (no additional cost)
Contract W022D Harthill/Torbothie - Shotts - Wishaw General Hospital/Ravenscraig Regional Sports Facility (services 365/366/367)	Alteration to route and timetable of service 365 with effect from 12 March 2017 to provide an extension to the 1745hrs journey ex Torbothie, between Wishaw General Hospital and Ravenscraig  (no additional cost)
Contract W044C Glasgow City Centre - SEC - Riverside Museum (service 100)	Alteration to route and timetable with effect from 26 February 2017, as a result of the long term closure of Benalder Street and Coopers Well Street, Partick and to address reliability issues  (no additional cost)

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<b>Contract</b>	<b>Amendment</b>
Contract W048D Johnstone - Bridge of Weir - Linwood (service X6A)	Cancelled with effect from 9 February 2017 (previously suspended on 16 July 2016 due to duplication of service by McGills Buses)
Contract 4199D Bellshill - Harthill (services 235/236)	Alteration to timetable of services with effect from 19 March 2017 to allow additional running times due to traffic congestion as a result of extensive road improvement works on the M8 and surrounding road network  (no additional cost)
Contract W058A (and contract W058B due to commence 16 July 2017) Maryhill - Riddrie (service 8A) Maryhill - Knightswood (service 94)	Alteration to route and timetable of service 8A with effect from the contract commencement date of 16 July 2017, to mirror the route of the commercial service within existing contract W058A  (saving of £1,612 per annum)
Contract LS009D Dumbarton – Tullichewan/Westcliff - Haldane (service 206)	Alteration to the timetable with effect from the contract commencement date of 16 July 2017, in order to avoid duplicate provision on Sunday mornings between Haldane and Balloch, and also between Tullichewan and Dumbarton  (saving of £684 per annum)
Contract 2827L (and contract 2827M due to commence on 16 July 2017) Kilsyth - Cumbernauld - Airdrie - Monklands Hospital (service 147/147A)	Alteration to timetable and route with effect from the contract commencement date of 16 July 2017 to address gaps in socially necessary transport provision along Condorrat Ring Road (South) during Monday to Saturday evening and Sunday daytime and early evening  (additional cost of £10,567 per annum)
Contract 4833K (and the subsequent contract due to commence on 16 July 2017) Hairmyres Station Interlink (service 399)	Alteration to timetable with effect from 19 March 2017 (and any subsequent contract post 15 July 2017) to address timekeeping issues.  (no additional cost)
Contract LS60C1 (and contract LS060D due to commence on 16 July 2017) Irvine/Kilbirnie – Beith (services 32/125)	Alteration to timetable of service 125, with effect from 1 January 2017 (and the contract commencement date of 16 July 2017 for contract LS060D), to enable journeys to arrive in Irvine slightly earlier than the existing timetable  (no additional cost)

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**8. Management, Development, Selling and Maintenance of SPT Advertising Space – Proposed award of contract**

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There was submitted and approved a report (amended version tabled at the meeting) of 9 March 2017 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) reminding members
  - (a) that, to support the cost of operating the Glasgow Subway and Bus operations, SPT had determined that it required to sell the advertising and promotional spaces that it had available on its trains, stations and bus facilities; and
  - (b) that, in particular, the Subway was a very attractive advertising proposition with passengers exposed to local and national content for their full journey time and in an environment conducive to influencing the public in their leisure and buying habits;
- (2) intimating
  - (a) that over recent years, SPT had had significant influence in stimulating the digital advertising arena in Glasgow, with the launch of the digital screens in its stations;
  - (b) that as part of the Subway Modernisation Programme, digital advertising had been implemented as a positive alternative to counter balance the potential of lost sales where traditional advertising sites were temporarily removed during the station refurbishment and over a lengthy period; and
  - (c) that over the five years of the current advertising contract, SPT had been paid a minimum guaranteed sum of £4.25m, together with a further £500,297 (net of disruption costs) as a result of additional digital advertising screens and the significant collaborative exercise of creating alternative sites across Subway and Bus Stations during Subway Station refurbishments. In the current financial climate, it was essential that SPT maintained strong focus on continuing to protect and develop these revenue generating opportunities;
- (3) explaining that the current advertising contract had been awarded to Primesight in April 2012 for an initial period of three years, with a subsequent two year extension that would expire at the end of March 2017;
- (4) informing members that a tender exercise had taken place for the management, development, selling and maintenance of advertising across SPT's estate and had been separated into 2 lots, viz. -  
  
Lot 1: Subway stations, train car advertising and bus stations; and  
  
Lot 2: roadside advertising;
- (5) providing information on the results of the tender exercise; and
- (6) recommending that the Committee agree to the award of contracts to
  - (a) Exterion Media for Lot 1, who had offered a guaranteed sum for five years of £6,700,000, together with a further potential share dependant on actual contract advertising sales; and

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- (b) Forrest Outdoor Media for Lot 2, who had offered a guaranteed sum for ten years of £448,938 for each developed site, commencing immediately with 5 confirmed sites.

After consideration and having heard Mr Stewart in amplification of the report and in answer to members' questions, the committee

- (i) approved the recommendation at (6) above; and
- (ii) noted that the award of each Lot within the contract was subject to the satisfaction of the requirements of the mandatory standstill period for EU advertised public sector contracts.

**9. Request for subsidised local bus services**

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 14 February 2017 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations) advising members of various requests for the provision of subsidised local bus services.

After consideration, the committee

- (1) agreed not to take any further action in respect of the local subsidised bus service requests at paragraphs (a) (c) and (d); and
- (2) agreed as follows in respect of the undernoted requests:-

<b>Request</b>	<b>Decision</b>
To provide a bus service to the Moorfield Housing Estate, Kilmarnock  (report item b)	Investigate opportunities within existing subsidised and commercial public transport network
To fund a direct bus service between Bellshill Town Centre and Maxim Office Park/Eurocentral  (report item e)	Investigate opportunities within existing subsidised and commercial public transport network, whilst encouraging discussion with Maxim Office Park in relation to any future development proposals.

**10. Valedictory**

As this was the last Operations committee meeting before the local elections, the Chair thanked all members and staff for their help and support over the past five years.