

Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Minute of Operations Committee

4 October 2013

held in Consort House, Glasgow

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Minute of the meeting of Strathclyde Partnership for Transport Operations Committee held in Consort House, Glasgow on 4 October 2013

Present Councillors Kaye Harmon (Chair), Malcolm Balfour; Charlie Gilbert (substitute) Bill Grant, Chris Kelly, Alan Moir, Robert G MacIntyre, Lawrence O'Neill, Hamish Stewart and David Wilson.

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

1. Apologies

Apologies were submitted from Councillors Tony Buchanan, Jim Coleman and Denis McKenna 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. Welcome

The Chair welcomed Councillor Lawrence O'Neill to his first meeting of the Operations Committee.

4. Minute of previous meeting

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The minute of the meeting of 16 August 2013 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

5. Additional item

In terms of Standing Order No 3.2, the Partnership agreed to consider an additional item at the end of the meeting.

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

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 24 September 2013 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, together with subsidised local bus service vehicle inspections.

After discussion and having heard Mr Stewart in further explanation, the committee noted the terms of the report.

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7. Subsidised local bus service contract recommendations – financial implications

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 20 September 2013 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.

8. Temporary contracts awarded under delegated powers

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There was submitted and noted a report (issued) of 24 September 2013 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) appending a list of temporary contracts awarded under delegated powers since the beginning of August 2013; and
- (2) advising members that the tendering process would continue to ensure that the contracts were replaced on a more long term basis.

9. Proposed award of temporary local subsidised bus service contracts

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There was submitted and approved a report (issued) of 24 September 2013 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) intimating that, as a result of changes made by McGills Bus Service Ltd to its commercial bus network in April 2013, a number of temporary contracts had been awarded by SPT as a short-term measure to fill the gaps in the market whilst long-term contract prices were sought;
- (2) explaining that, in a number of instances, no tender prices had been received for substantive long-term contracts and in order to permit time to test the market again further temporary prices had been sought and new long-term contracts had been advertised; and
- (3) recommending that the committee agree to the award of the undernoted contracts for the period from 20 October to 7 December 2013:-

Contract	Operator	Cost per week
W046T1 Greenock – Midton (service 507)	McGill's Bus Service Ltd	£425
W047T1 Paisley-Royal Alexandra Hospital – Johnstone (service 20)	McGill's Bus Service Ltd	£77

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Contract	Operator	Cost per week
W048T1 Johnstone-Bridge of Weir-Linwood (service X6A)	McGill's Bus Service Ltd	£340
W049T1 Paisley-Renfrew-Braehead (service 21)	McGill's Bus Service Ltd	£292

10. Proposed award of subsidised local bus service contracts

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 24 September 2013 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) providing information on the tenders received for subsidised local bus service contracts; and
- (2) recommending the award of appropriate contracts.

After discussion, the committee

- (a) agreed
 - (i) to the award of contract 0906F, Castlemilk-Rutherglen-Greenfield-Cranhill-Queenslie (service 46), to Glasgow Citybus at a cost of £144,896 for the period from 13 October 2013 to 16 July 2016; and
 - (ii) to award the undernoted contracts to McGill's Bus Services Ltd for the period 8 December 2013 to 16 July 2016:-
 - (A) contract W046A, Greenock-Midton (service 507), at a cost of £56,950;
 - (B) contract W047A, Paisley-Royal Alexandra Hospital-Johnstone (service 20), at a cost of £10,318;
 - (C) contract W048A, Johnstone Station-Bridge of Weir-Houston-Linwood (service X6A), at a cost of £45,560;
 - (D) contract W049A, Paisley-Renfrew-Braehead (service 21), at a cost of £39,128; and
 - (E) contract W051A, Hawkhead-Royal Alexandra Hospital- Brediland (service 10), at a cost of £14,472; 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.

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11. Proposed award of MyBus contracts

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With reference to the minute of 15 March 2013 (page 5, paragraph 11) when the committee had agreed, inter alia, that tenders be invited for additional buses to operate MyBus services in the Ayrshire and South Lanarkshire areas in order to contain the incidence of non-fulfilment of trip requests, there was submitted a report (issued) of 23 September 2013 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) informing members of the options contained within the tender documents;
- (2) providing information on the tenders received; and
- (3) recommending that the committee agree to the award of the undernoted contracts:-
 - (a) contract 9605A1 Ayrshire to Shuttle Buses Ltd at a cost of £385,521 for the contract period 2 December 2013 to 7 July 2018, equivalent to £82,611 per annum, using a vehicle supplied by the operator;
 - (b) contract 9607A South Lanarkshire to McColl's Commercial Repairs Ltd at a cost of £320,872 for the contract period 2 December 2013 to 7 July 2018, equivalent to £68,758 per annum, using a vehicle supplied by SPT; and
 - (c) the supply of one Optare Solo vehicle, by Optare Group Ltd, via the Bath & NE Somerset Bus and Coach Framework, at an approximate cost of £104,000.

After consideration, the committee

- (i) agreed to the recommendations at (3) above; and
- (ii) 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.

12. Amendments to subsidised local bus service contracts

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After consideration of a report (issued) of 24 September 2013 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations) detailing changes to subsidised local bus services arising from changed circumstances, the committee noted

- (1) the amendments as detailed below:-

Contract	Amendment
Contract 5627F Bishopton Local/Bishopton– Erskine (services 520/521)	Cancel with effect from 13 September 2013
Contract LS89T2 Kilmacolm - Johnstone Station (service 1)	Withdraw with effect from 27 June 2013
Contract WO32T2 Annan-Dumfries-Biggarr Edinburgh (service 100,101,102,103)	Cancel with effect from 11 August 2013; and

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(2) the amendments would result in a saving to SPT of £24,081 in 2013/2014.

13. Requests for subsidised local bus services

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There was submitted and approved a report (issued) of 24 September 2013 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations) advising members of various requests for the provision of subsidised local bus services and recommending no action in respect of each request.

14. Additional item

With reference to previous meetings of the Partnership and its committees when the Chief Executive had given briefings on SPT's carbon reduction initiatives, including information on the source heat water system in the subway and a provisional project to develop innovative solutions for managing the sub surface water in the system which was necessary to ensure the integrity of the system, he informed members

- (1) that SPT had been successful in securing a grant, in collaboration with Glasgow Caledonian University, through the Knowledge through Partnership scheme (a UK scheme via the Technology Strategy Board);
- (2) that the grant would support 50% of the costs of bringing an engineering graduate, with a Master's degree, into working with SPT for a 2 year period to deliver this project;
- (3) that although the project outcomes would include solutions for SPT, together with academic research for the University, the successful graduate would also gain from having hands on experience and delivery at an early stage in their career; and
- (4) that the costs to SPT of approximately £65k would be split over two years and were accommodated within the current budgets.

Thereon he advised members that a short paper with more details would be prepared and presented to the next meeting of the Strategy & Programmes Committee.