

Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Minute of Operations Committee

14 March 2014

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 14 March 2014

Present Councillors Denis McKenna (Chair), Malcolm Balfour, Jim Coleman, Charlie Gilbert (substitute), Kaye Harmon, Chris Kelly, Alan Moir, Robert G MacIntyre, Hamish Stewart and David Wilson.

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

Also attending John Yellowlees, ScotRail.

1. Apologies

Apologies were submitted from Councillors Tony Buchanan, Jim Buchanan (substitute), Bill Grant and Bobby McDill.

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 31 January 2014 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

Arising from the minute with reference to page 7, paragraph 11, the Committee noted that neither the current operator, nor the previous operator of the Sunday summer service on the Gourock – Kilcreggan Ferry were prepared to provide a commercial Sunday service over the period of the 2014 Commonwealth Games.

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

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 5 March 2014 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 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 6 March 2014 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support)

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- (1) advising the committee of the financial implications of members' possible decisions relating to further items on the agenda;
- (2) providing information on actual costs incurred in support of local bus services, MyBus services and enhanced DRT and Community Transport services over the five year period 2008/2009 to 2012/2013; and
- (3) informing members that capital investment in support of bus services of £55.205m had been incurred in the same period.

After consideration, the committee

- (a) agreed that a copy of the report be issued to all members of the Partnership; and
- (b) otherwise noted the terms of the report.

6. Temporary contracts awarded under delegated powers

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There was submitted and noted a report (issued) of 4 March 2014 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) appending a list of temporary contracts awarded under delegated authority since the beginning of February 2014, to ensure that gaps in the network arising from commercial market changes were filled; and
- (2) advising members that the tendering process would continue to ensure that the contracts were replaced on a more long term basis.

7. Proposed renewal of subsidised local bus service contracts

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 4 March 2014 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) informing members of the tenders received for the renewal of certain local subsidised bus services; and
- (2) providing information on the various options contained in the tender documents;
- (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) contract 6487G (services 219, 319) to Stagecoach Western Buses at a cost of £117,015 for the contract period 13 July 2014 to 13 July 2019; and
 - (ii) contract W077 (services 10, 243) to Stuarts Coaches at a cost of £266,400 for the contract period 13 July 2014 to 15 July 2017; 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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8. Proposed renewal of MyBus contracts

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 5 March 2014 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) providing information on tenders received for the renewal of various MyBus contracts which had included prices for contract "packages";
- (2) informing members
 - (a) that the tendering exercise had been based on an option whereby the vehicles required for the operation of the service would be purchased by SPT and supplied to the respective operators on a full repairing lease basis or would be supplied by the operator; and
 - (b) that in the tender invitations, contracts 9592 (services 66/166) and 9594 (services 330/331) had included elements of timetabled local bus services in order to maximise use of the vehicles;
- (3) highlighting that tenderers had been required to submit prices for the contracts on a 'gross cost' basis under which all passenger revenue would revert to SPT and offset the contract costs; and
- (4) recommending the award of appropriate contracts.

After discussion, the committee

- (i) agreed to the award of the undernoted contracts for the contract period 13 July 2014 to 13 July 2019:-
 - (A) package 15911 to Shuttle Buses which contained the following contracts:-
 - contract 9556D at a cost of £477,905; and
 - contract 9596D at a cost of £1,048,560;
 - (B) contract 9592E1 to McGill's Buses at a cost of £2,754,200;
 - (C) contract 9593D to Henderson Travel at a cost of £2,104,392;
 - (D) contract 9594D to Gillens Coaches Ltd at a cost of £977,600;
 - (E) contract 9595D to Glasgow Citybus Ltd at a cost of £797,626;
 - (F) contract 9597D to J D Coaches at a cost of £950,040; and
 - (G) contract 9598D to Glasgow Citybus Ltd at a cost of £852,749; and
- (ii) noted that formal awards of the above contracts were subject to satisfaction of the requirements of the mandatory standstill period for EU advertised public sector contracts.

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9. Proposed award of subsidised local bus service contracts

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 4 March 2014 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) providing information on the tenders received for a number of subsidised local bus service contracts which were required as a result of service withdrawals by Bennett's of Kilwinning, First Glasgow, McGill's Buses and Gillens Coaches; and
- (2) recommending the award of appropriate contracts.

After discussion, the committee

- (a) agreed to the award of the following contracts for the contract period 13 July 2014 to 15 July 2017 in respect of the contracts at (i) and (iii) below and for the contract period 30 March 2014 to 15 July 2017 for the contract at (ii):-
 - (i) contract W050C to Shuttle Buses at a cost of £332,450;
 - (ii) contract W057A to McGill's Buses at a cost of £134,456; and
 - (iii) contract W065 to McGill's Buses at a cost of £176,280; and
- (b) noted that formal awards of the above contracts were subject to satisfaction of the requirements of the mandatory standstill period for EU advertised public sector contracts.

10. Amendments to subsidised local bus service contracts

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After consideration of a report (issued) of 4 March 2014 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 LS080E Glasgow - Parkhead – Carmyle – Halfway (services 64/164)	Alteration to timetable of service 364 to reallocate layover time from Newton Farm to Parkhead with effect from 24 February 2014 (no additional cost)
Newton Farm-Cambuslang-Parkhead (service 364)	Timetable and route further adjusted to permit the servicing of Croft Road and Cairns Road with effect from 24 March 2014 (no additional cost)
Contract W033 Milngavie – Anniesland (service 15) Duntocher/Hardgate - Gartnavel Hospital (service 118)	Alteration to timetable of service 15 to coincide with Glasgow Citybus network changes with effect from 24 February 2014 (no additional cost)

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Contract W056 Glasgow - Baillieston - Bargeddie - Coatbridge/Airdrie (service 213/A)	Service 213A between Bargeddie and Baillieston withdrawn on main day Sundays following introduction of commercial service 222 with effect from 16 February 2014 (reduced cost of £5,597 per annum)
Contract LS097 Antonine Park – Clydebank (service 184)	Alteration to timetable and route of service 184 with effect from 24 February 2014 to permit the servicing of Whitecrook area of Clydebank following withdrawal of commercial service 140 (additional cost of £4,483 per annum)
Contracts 6517E, 6518E, 6519E, 6520E, 6521E, 6522E, 6523E, 6524E, 6628H and 6746F (services 321, 322, 323 and 324)	Extension of services 321, 322, 323 and 324, with effect from 30 March 2014 to 25 October 2014, to permit examination of operational and contractual issues. Transfer of the full cost of contract 6518E to SPT from 30 March 2014 following removal of school transport journeys. Transfer of one journey on service 323 from contract 6522E to contract 6518E, at a reduced cost of £19,750 per annum, with effect from 30 March 2014

11. Requests for subsidised local bus services

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There was submitted and approved a report (issued) of 4 March 2014 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.

12. Community Transport projects: grant funding

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There was submitted and noted a report (issued) of 5 March 2014 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

(1) providing a brief summary of the following Community Transport projects which had been awarded grant funding during the period 1 July 2013 to 31 January 2014:-

- Access to Employment Ayr;
- Coalfield Community Transport;
- Community Transport Glasgow;
- Getting Better Together;
- NATA (North Area Transport Association);
- RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Programme);
- The Rural Development Trust Ltd; and

(2) appending a table detailing the amount of grant funding awarded to each of the projects.