

## **Strathclyde Partnership for Transport**

### **Minute of Operations Committee**

**15 November 2013**

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 15 November 2013

**Present** Councillors Denis McKenna (Chair), Jim Coleman, Kaye Harmon, Alan Moir, Robert G MacIntyre, Bobby McDill, Hamish Stewart and David Wilson and appointed member Niall McGrogan.

**Attending** 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 Malcolm Balfour, Tony Buchanan, Bill Grant, Chris Kelly, Brian McGinley (substitute) 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 4 October 2013 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 6 November 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 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 31 October 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.

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**6. Temporary contracts awarded under delegated powers**

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There was submitted and noted a report (issued) of 29 October 2013 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) appending a list of temporary contracts awarded under delegated powers since the end of September 2013; 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 award of subsidised local bus service contracts**

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 29 October 2013 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

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

After discussion, the committee

- (a) agreed to the award of contract 5627G, Bishopton Local/Bishopton – Erskine (service 520/521), to McGill's Bus Services Ltd at a cost of £147,767 for the period from 9 December 2013 to 16 July 2016; and
- (b) noted that the award of the contract was subject to satisfaction of the requirements of the mandatory standstill period for EU advertised public sector contracts.

**8. Proposed award of MyBus contracts**

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 5 November 2013 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) providing background information on a proposal to award contracts to provide a number of MyBus services throughout the SPT area; and
- (2) recommending that the committee agree to the award of the following contracts:-
  - (a) contract 9604B (Glasgow( all areas)) to Glasgow Citybus Ltd at a cost of £262,498 for the contract period 12 January 2014 to 7 July 2018;
  - (b) contract 9606B (Renfrewshire (all areas)) to Glasgow Citybus Ltd at a cost of £248,187 for the contract period 12 January 2014 to 7 July 2018;
  - (c) contract 9608 to Garelochhead Minibuses and Coaches Ltd at a cost of £4.50 per mile, an estimated cost of £14,850 for the contract period, 25 November 2013 to 12 July 2014; and
  - (d) a contract to Optare Group Ltd for the supply of two Optare Solo vehicles, via the Bath and North East Somerset framework, at an approximate cost of £208,000.

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After consideration, the committee

- (i) agreed to the recommendations at (2) above; and
- (ii) noted
  - (A) that payment for contract 9608 would be made via monthly invoice with the mileages for all completed journeys cross checked with mileages generated via the MyBus scheduling system prior to payment; and
  - (B) that the awards of the contracts were subject to satisfaction of the requirements of the mandatory standstill period for EU advertised public sector contracts.

## 9. Amendments to subsidised local bus service contracts

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After consideration of a report (issued) of 29 October 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 8811C Carrick – Lochgoilhead – Arrochar - Helensburgh (service 302)	Alteration to public holiday operational days with effect from 30 September 2013
Contract 2835J Kilsyth - Glasgow (service 27)	Alteration to public holiday operational days with effect from 6 October 2013
Contract W045 Govan - Cardonald (service 124)	Alteration to route and timetable with effect from 14 October 2013
Contract W053 Carlisle Local/Lower Braidwood (service 47A/B)	Alteration to route and timetable with effect from 20 October 2013; and

- (2) that, although the amendments would not result in any additional costs to SPT, there would be an additional cost to Argyll & Bute Council of £480 in 2013/2014 in relation to contract 8811C.

## 10. Bus fleet replacement programme

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With reference to the minute of the Strategy & Programmes Committee of 1 February 2013 (page 5, paragraph 9) when that committee had approved a bus replacement strategy in respect of buses which SPT had purchased over recent years to ensure that the quality of delivery of contracted bus services was not compromised by vehicles becoming mechanically unreliable through either high mileage or advanced age, there was submitted and approved a report (issued) of 5 November 2013 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

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- (1) intimating that 5 vehicles currently engaged on subsidised local bus service contracts were now eligible for replacement under the terms of the strategy; and
- (2) recommending the award of a contract to Optare Group Ltd for the purchase of 5 Optare Solo vehicles, via the Bath and North East Somerset framework, at an estimated cost of £520,000.

**11. Requests for subsidised local bus services**

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There was submitted and approved a report (issued) of 5 November 2013 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.