

Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Minute of Operations Committee

23 January 2015

held in Consort House, Glasgow

contact officers:

Valerie A Bowen phone: 0141 333 3130

Kirsten Clubb phone: 0141 333 3576

Minute of the meeting of Strathclyde Partnership for Transport's Operations Committee held in Consort House, Glasgow on 23 January 2015

Present Councillors Denis McKenna (Chair), Malcolm Balfour, Jim Coleman, Charlie Gilbert (substitute), Bill Grant, Kaye Harmon, Alan Moir, Robert G MacIntyre, Bobby McDill, Hamish Stewart and David Wilson and appointed member Graham Johnston.

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), Ronnie Park, Director of Bus Operations and Neil Wylie, Director of Finance and HR.

Also attending John Yellowlees, ScotRail.

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed SPT's recently appointed Director of Bus Operations, Ronnie Park, to his first meeting of the committee.

2. Apologies

Apologies were submitted from Councillors Tony Buchanan, Chris Kelly and Lawrence O'Neill and appointed member Niall McGrogan.

3. 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.

4. Minute of previous meeting

[Click here to view minute](#)

The minute of the meeting of 14 November 2014 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

Arising from the minute with reference to page 7, paragraph 9(2)(b), the Committee noted that contract W080B1 had not been awarded and that the contract would be re-tendered.

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

[Click here to view report](#)

There was submitted a report (issued) of 14 January 2015 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 and details of 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.

23 January 2015

6. Subsidised local bus service contract recommendations – financial implications

[Click here to view report](#)

There was submitted a report (issued) of 12 January 2015 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.

7. Temporary contracts awarded

[Click here to view report](#)

There was submitted and noted a report (issued) of 13 January 2015 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) appending a list of temporary contracts awarded under delegated authority since the end of October 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.

8. Proposed award of subsidised local bus service contract

[Click here to view report](#)

There was submitted a report (issued) of 7 January 2015 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) providing information on the tenders received for replacement of temporary contracts W086T, W087T and W088T to operate services 64/164 and 364 on behalf of SPT under contract LS80J1; and
- (2) recommending
 - (a) that contract LS80J1 be awarded to Skyline Coaches, who had submitted the lowest compliant tender, at a cost of £167,984 for the contract period 22 February 2015 to 16 July 2016 based on SPT supplying the vehicles; and
 - (b) that, due to the high mileage involved in the operation of the contract, the purchase of two vehicles at an estimated cost of £230,000 via the SPT vehicle purchasing framework.

After consideration, the committee

- (i) agreed to the recommendations at (2) above; and
- (ii) noted that formal award of the contract at (2)(a) above was subject to satisfaction of the requirements of the mandatory standstill period for EU advertised public sector contracts.

23 January 2015

9. Proposed renewal of subsidised local bus service contracts

[Click here to view report](#)

There was submitted a report (issued) of 13 January 2015 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) informing members of the tenders received for the renewal of certain 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 Stewart in further explanation, the committee

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

- (i) package 16299 containing contracts, 0917B (service 65), W008B3 (services 93,193), W034A1 (service 244) and W035A1 (service 251) to First Glasgow at a cost of £381,420 for the period 12 July 2015 to 15 July 2018;
- (ii) package 16300 containing contracts, 4801S (service 137), 4865C (service 191) and 4953G (services 30, 31), to Stuart's Coaches at a cost of £494,400 for the period 12 July 2015 to 15 July 2017;
- (iii) contract 6266S (service 343) to Western Buses at a cost of £391,754 for the period 12 July 2015 to 15 July 2018;
- (iv) contract 6951H (service 352) to Western Buses at a cost of £29,196 for the period 12 July 2015 to 15 July 2018;
- (v) contract LS087E (service 42A) to Western Buses at a cost of £43,466 for the period 12 July 2015 to 15 July 2018;
- (vi) contract 0902F (service 7A) to First Glasgow at a cost of £64,116 for the period 12 July 2015 to 14 July 2018;
- (vii) contract 6269L (services 302,306) to Western Buses at a cost of £42,451 for the period 12 July 2015 to 14 July 2018;
- (viii) contract 6603R1 (service 337) to Western Buses at a cost of £341,525 for the period 12 July 2015 to 14 July 2018;
- (ix) contract 6790F (service 361) to Western Buses at a cost of £567,219 for the period 12 July 2015 to 14 July 2018;
- (x) contract W007B1 (service 121) to First Glasgow at a cost of £234,780 for the period 12 July 2015 to 14 July 2018;
- (xi) contract W017D1 (services 84,84A,84B) to McColl's Commercial Repairs Ltd at a cost of £210,600 for the period 12 July 2015 to 14 July 2018;
- (xii) contract LS022D to Wilson's of Rhu at a cost of £175,638 for the period 12 July 2015 to 14 July 2018; and

23 January 2015

- (xiii) contract W024C1 (services 77/177) to First Glasgow at a cost of £210,912 for the period 12 July 2015 to 14 July 2018;
- (b) agreed to the purchase of 2 vehicles at an approximate cost of £115,000 per vehicle via the SPT vehicle purchasing framework in respect of the additional vehicles required to deliver the package of services outlined at (i) above; and
- (c) noted that the award of the contracts at (a) above was subject to satisfaction of the requirements of the mandatory standstill period for EU advertised public sector contracts.

10. Proposed renewal of MyBus contracts

[Click here to view report](#)

There was submitted a report (issued) of 18 December 2014 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) providing information on tenders received for the renewal of various MyBus contracts;
- (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 operators; and
 - (b) that in the tender invitations, contract 9557 had included elements of timetabled local bus services in order to maximise use of the vehicles;
- (3) highlighting the fact 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;
- (4) explaining that the award of the contracts would require the purchase of one bus via the SPT vehicle purchasing framework; and
- (5) recommending the award of appropriate contracts.

After discussion, the committee

- (i) agreed to the award of the undernoted contracts for the contract period 19 July 2015 to 18 July 2020:-
 - (A) contract 9551G to Shuttle Buses at a cost of £944,750;
 - (B) contract 9557G1 (Part A & B) to Stuart's Coaches at a cost of £682,500; and
 - (C) contract 9600B1 to Glasgow Citybus at a cost of £1,589,084;
- (ii) agreed to the purchase of a vehicle at an estimated cost of £115,000 via the SPT vehicle purchasing framework; and
- (iii) noted that formal awards of the contracts at (A) to (C) above were subject to satisfaction of the requirements of the mandatory standstill period for EU advertised public sector contracts.

23 January 2015

11. Amendments to subsidised local bus service contracts

[Click here to view report](#)

After consideration of a report (issued) of 14 January 2015 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations) detailing changes to subsidised local bus services arising from changed circumstances, the committee noted the amendments as detailed below:-

Contract	Amendment
Contract WO10B Monklands Hospital – Airdrie – Holytown – Wishaw – Law (service 248A/248B)	Alteration to route and timetable of service 248A to extend certain journeys from Wishaw to Law Village as service 248B with effect from 17 November 2014 (additional cost of £9,856 per annum)
Contract W033A Milngavie - Anniesland (service 15) Duntocher/Hardgate - Gartnavel Hospital (service 118)	Alteration to timetable of service 118 to coincide with Glasgow Citybus network changes with effect from 12 January 2015 (no additional cost)
Contract 4199C Bellshill – Holytown – Chapelhall – Salsburgh – Harthill (service 235) Bellshill – Holytown – Salsburgh – Harthill (service 236)	Alteration to timetable of service 235 to maintain interchange at Bellshill Railway Station as a result of changes to the rail network with effect from 14 December 2014 (no additional cost)
Contract 8811C Helensburgh – Tarbet – Carrick Castle (service 302)	Alteration to route of service 302 as a result of ongoing streetscape improvements by Argyll & Bute Council with effect from 8 December 2014 (no additional cost)
Contract 8812D Helensburgh – Rhu – Garelochhead – Coulport (service 316)	Alteration to route of service 316 as a result of ongoing streetscape improvements by Argyll & Bute Council with effect from 8 December 2014 (no additional cost)
Contract W012 Alexandria – Balloch – Luss (service 305) Alexandria - Helensburgh (service 306) Alexandria – Drymen – Balloch – Balmaha (service 309)	Alteration to route of service 306 as a result of ongoing streetscape improvements by Argyll & Bute Council with effect from 8 December 2014 (no additional cost)
Contract 3164G Glasgow City Centre – Roystonhill – Stobhill Hospital (service 329)	Withdrawal of award of contract to First Glasgow due to registration to operate the service commercially by another operator

23 January 2015

Contract	Amendment
Contract W040A1 Kilmarnock – Galston (service 332)	Alteration to route and timetable of service 332 to accommodate request by East Ayrshire Council with effect from 9 March 2015 (No additional cost)
Contract LS082B Glasgow City Centre – Carmunnock – East Kilbride (service 31)	Alteration to route of service 31 to mirror First Glasgow's commercial Monday to Saturday service (No additional cost)

12. Acquisition of buses for Isle of Arran contracts

[Click here to view report](#)

Reference was made to the minute of 15 August 2014 when the committee had agreed to the award of a package of local bus service contracts on the Isle of Arran to Stagecoach Western Buses, contingent upon SPT providing twelve vehicles to be used on the contracts on a full repairing lease basis to Stagecoach for the lifetime of the contract.

Thereon, there was submitted a report (issued) of 18 December 2014 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) providing information on tenders received for the provision of eight full size buses together with details of the purchase of four smaller vehicles through SPT's vehicle purchasing framework; and
- (2) recommending that the committee approve
 - (a) the award of a contract to Wrightbus Ltd for the supply of eight 10.8m Streetlite buses, at an approximate total cost of £1,105,240 and;
 - (b) the award of a contract to Optare Group Ltd for the supply of four 7.9m Optare Solo buses, at an approximate cost of £457,732.

After discussion and having heard Mr Stewart in answer to members' questions, the committee approved the recommendation at (2) above.

13. Requests for subsidised local bus services

[Click here to view report](#)

There was submitted and approved a report (issued) of 13 January 2015 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations) advising members of four requests for the provision of subsidised local bus services and recommending no action in respect of each request.