

Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Minute of Operations Committee

24 June 2016

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 24 June 2016

- Present** Councillors Denis McKenna (Chair), Jonathan Findlay, Kaye Harmon, Robert G MacIntyre and Hamish Stewart and appointed member Graham Johnston.
- Attending** Valerie Davidson, Secretary/Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support); Valerie A Bowen, Senior Committee Officer; Eric Stewart, Assistant Chief Executive (Operations); Charlie Hoskins, Senior Director, Neil Wylie, Director of Finance and HR and Ronnie Park, Director of Bus Operations.
- Also attending** Councillor Gerald Leonard.

1. Apologies

Apologies were submitted by Councillors Malcolm Balfour, Duncan Cumming (substitute), Bill Grant, Alan Moir, Bobby McDill and Lawrence O'Neill.

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

Councillor Stewart declared an interest in respect of Item 12(h) in his role as Director of The Rural Development Trust Ltd.

3. Minute of previous meeting

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The minute of the meeting of 13 May 2016 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

Arising from the minute in relation to page 8, paragraph 10(2), Mr Stewart advised members that the Transport Impact Assessment referred to in the minute, had acknowledged that Ayrshire Central Hospital Woodland View development was well connected with public transport.

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

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There was submitted and noted a report (issued) of 14 June 2016 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.

5. Subsidised local bus service contract recommendations – financial implications

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 8 June 2016 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

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- (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.

6. Temporary contract awarded

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There was submitted and noted a report (issued) of 26 May 2016 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) advising members of a temporary contract procured and awarded, under delegated authority, on behalf of North Lanarkshire Council; and
- (2) informing members that the contract had been developed via The Smarter Choices, Smarter Places initiative, aimed at encouraging sustainable alternatives to car travel.

7. Proposed renewal of subsidised local bus service contracts

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 2 June 2016 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) informing members of tenders received for the renewal of two local subsidised bus services;
- (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 Park in further explanation, the committee

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

Contract	Contractor/Amount
Contract LS078D Service 362 Girvan Hospital/Girvan – Pinmore - Colmonell	Shuttle Buses, at a cost of £264,996 for the contract period from 18 July 2016 to 13 July 2019; and
Contracts 6169F and 6985G Services 358/360 Ayr – Girvan/Stranraer	Western Buses at a cost of £324,925 and £452,889, respectively, for the contract period from 18 July 2016 to 13 July 2019 subject to agreement by SWestrans and South Ayrshire Council in respect of their financial contributions; 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 award of a subsidised local bus service contract

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 26 May 2016 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) informing members of the tenders received for the renewal of a local subsidised bus service contract; and
- (2) recommending the award of an appropriate contract.

Following discussion, the committee

- (a) agreed to the award of contract 6979J Irvine – Stewarton (service 113) to Shuttle Buses at a cost of £92,500 for the contract period from 17 July 2016 to 13 July 2019; 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.

9. Amendments to subsidised local bus service contracts

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After consideration of a report (issued) of 14 June 2016 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations) detailing changes to subsidised local bus services arising from changed circumstances, the committee approved the amendments as detailed below:-

Contract	Amendment
Contract W017D1 Kirkintilloch – Twechar - Banton (service 84/84A/84B)	Alteration to timetable and route of service 84/84A/84B with effect from 29 June 2016 due to closure of Catherine Street and Cowgate for an estimated period of 8 months to facilitate Kirkintilloch Streetscape project (no additional cost)
Contract W064A Kirkintilloch – Milngavie (service 47/47A)	Alteration to timetable and route of service 47/47A with effect from 29 June 2016 due to closure of Catherine Street and Cowgate for an estimated period of 8 months to facilitate Kirkintilloch Streetscape project (no additional cost)
Contract 2835J Kilsyth - Glasgow	Alteration to timetable and route of service 27 with effect from 29 June 2016 due to closure of Catherine Street and Cowgate for an estimated period of 8 months to facilitate Kirkintilloch Streetscape project (no additional cost)
Contract LS045A Paisley - Clydebank (service 757)	Alteration to timetable of service 757 with effect from 17 July 2016 to coincide with commercial service changes (no additional cost)

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Contract	Amendment
Contract 4100B Lanark - Lesmahagow (service 258) Lanark – Douglas – Glespin (service 259)	Alteration to route of service 259 with effect from 29 April 2016 due to significant works to Ponfeigh Bailey Bridge (no additional cost)
Contract 9557G1 Lanark – Lesmahagow (service 8) Lanark – Lesmahagow – Douglas – Glespin (service 8A) Lanark – Douglas – Glespin (service 9)	Alteration to route of services 8A and 9 with effect from 29 April 2016 due to significant works to Ponfeigh Bailey Bridge (no additional cost)
Contracts LS007D/LS007E Bishopbriggs local (service 142)	Alteration to timetable of service 142 within current contract LS007D with effect from 24 June 2016 and contract LS007E with effect from 17 July 2016 to facilitate changes to the commercial element of the service

10. Request for subsidised local bus services

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After consideration of a report (issued) of 3 May 2016 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations) advising members of a request for the provision of a subsidised local bus service to Lincluden Medical Centre, Uddingston, the committee agreed not to take any further action in respect of the request.

11. Community Volunteer Car Schemes in Strathclyde

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 15 June 2016 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) reminding members
 - (a) that Community Volunteer Car Schemes (CVCS) provided door to door transport to people in their local community to enable them to access healthcare services, such as doctor and hospital appointments;
 - (b) that, although CVCS were Community Transport (CT) services operated primarily by CT operators through local volunteer drivers who made use of their own car, these services were vital to local communities as they provided transport options for vulnerable and older people, those living in rural areas and people with reduced mobility;
- (2) advising members that the demand for these schemes was increasing against the background of an ageing population and recent developments within the Scottish Ambulance Service which was re-focusing their Patient Transport Service to ensure that only eligible patients (i.e. those with a “clinical need”) could use the service to access hospital appointments;

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- (3) providing information on the development of two key projects which would build on the support currently provided by SPT and assist with overcoming the challenges of better co-ordination and lack of universal coverage due to geographical gaps or condition based schemes (eg the transport of cancer patients only) together with addressing the questions of funding and sustainability, recruiting/retaining volunteers and meeting increasing demand;
- (4) explaining that a working group was currently being established that would oversee the implementation of a proposal for the development of a community car scheme for cancer patients, including sourcing funding; and
- (5) informing members that SPT continued to lead on the strategic development of CT in Scotland to meet the transport needs of local communities throughout the Strathclyde area.

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

12. Community Transport Projects: Grant Funding 2015/2016

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There was submitted and noted a report (issued) of 8 June 2016 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations) providing a brief summary of the following Community Transport projects which had been awarded grant funding for the period 1 October 2015 to 31 March 2016:-

- Blantyre Volunteer Group;
- British Red Cross Society;
- Coalfield Community Transport;
- Community Transport Glasgow;
- East Kilbride Community Transport;
- Getting Better Together;
- NATA (North Area Transport Association);
- The Rural Development Trust; and
- Voluntary South Lanarkshire: CamGlen NHS Volunteer Car Project.