

## Proposed award of subsidised local bus service contracts

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**Date of meeting** 26 April 2024

**Date of report** 16 April 2024

**Report by Head of Bus Strategy & Delivery**

### 1. Object of report

To recommend the Committee approve the award of a number of subsidised local bus service and MyBus contracts.

This paper affects Argyll & Bute, East Dunbartonshire, Glasgow, Inverclyde, North Lanarkshire, Renfrewshire, South Lanarkshire and West Dunbartonshire council areas.

### 2. Background to report

SPT subsidises bus services which are not provided by the commercial market but which are considered socially necessary. A proportion of these contracts are due to expire in July 2024 and tender bids have been sought for their renewal.

Prior to seeking replacement contracts SPT analyses existing provision, reviewing performance data for each specified journey within each service to align provision with actual demand. In addition, the opportunity is also taken to determine whether contracts can be amalgamated in situations where this may improve connectivity and overall sustainability.

Operators must submit compliant tenders, but optional alternative prices are also considered whereby the operator may submit an option which offers efficiency savings to SPT. It is also permissible for operators to package contracts where this may provide better value for money.

### 3. Outline of proposals

Of the 17 advertised individual local bus service and MyBus contracts, it is proposed to award 14 at this stage with a total contract value of £10,494,927.91 detailed in Appendix 1. This will result in an annual increase of £416,647 to the subsidised bus budget costs when compared to the current annual contract value. Copies of all timetables are available on request. Specific details of individual contracts are attached at Appendix 1 with the current and contract renewal cost shown.

### 4. Committee action

The Committee is recommended to agree the award of the contracts detailed in Appendix 1, noting that:

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- (i) the award of contract LS022K is subject to the approval of NHSGGC for a continued 90% funding contribution; and
- (ii) the award of contract W170A is subject to the approval of West Lothian Council for a continued 40% funding contribution.

## 5. Consequences

Policy consequences	<i>In line with the Regional Transport Strategy and SPT's framework for local bus services.</i>
Legal consequences	<i>All contracts will be awarded subject to SPT's terms and conditions for transport contracts.</i>
Financial consequences	<i>The award of the contracts detailed in this committee paper will result in additional costs of £144,761 to SPT in 2024/2025 when compared to budget projections for these contracts. These awards will also result in additional costs of £2,114 to West Lothian Council in 2024/2025.</i>
Personnel consequences	<i>None directly.</i>
Equalities consequences	<i>Seeks to reduce the incidence of social exclusion by supporting socially necessary bus services.</i>
Risk consequences	<i>None directly.</i>
Climate Change, Adaptation & Carbon consequences	<i>As proposals support a continuation of existing local bus services an EIA has therefore not been undertaken.</i>

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## APPENDIX 1

contract	service no	service description	operator	comments	bus (proposed)	bus (current)	term (years)	contract price	annualised price (proposed)	annualised price (current)	variance
0914Q	189/190	Glasgow Circular	Hobson Travel (Option)	Optional timetable offering provision reduction & optional farescale	Operator	Operator	3	£896,400.00	£298,800.00	£414,960.00	£-116,160.00
8812K1	315/316	Helensburgh - Couplport	Garelochhead Coaches (Option)	Optional timetable offering enhanced commercial provision upon service 316 & optional T/T and route of service 315	Operator	Operator	3	£133,875.16	£44,625.05	£34,358.48	£10,266.57
9592J1	400,600,M19,M 93,M94,M96,M9 8,M99	Glasgow MyBus	Stuarts Coaches		Operator	Operator	3	£748,800.00	£249,600.00	£203,095.88	£46,504.12
9593M	M15/M96/M98 13/19/31B 226/227/228 399	South Lanarkshire MyBus Hamilton - East Kilbride(13) Robroyston - Glasgow(19A) East Kilbride - Carmunnock(31B) Hamilton Local Services 226/227/228 Hamilton - Silvertonhill (230) Greenhills - Hairmyres (399)	JMB Travel (Option)	Optional route and timetable of service 13 on Sundays	Operator	Operator	3	£3,441,984.00	£1,147,328.00	£930,568.60	£216,759.40
9594G1	965,M11,M45, M65, M85	Inverclyde MyBus	McColls Travel		Operator	Operator	3	£866,700.00	£288,900.00	£217,849.84	£71,050.16
9597H1	800,900, M15,M19, M96, M98, 31	East Kilbride MyBus Glasgow - Carmunnock (31)	Stuarts Coaches	Service 31 journey reduction due to low demand.	Operator	Operator	3	£546,588.00	£182,196.00	£172,677.96	£9,518.04
LS007S	142	Bishopbriggs Local	PVT Transfer (Option)	Optional timetable offering additional commercial journeys & optional farescale	Operator	Operator	3	£84,306.00	£28,102.00	£21,912.80	£6,189.20
LS022K	340	Helensburgh/Vale Of Leven Hospital - Royal Alexandra Hospital	McColls Travel	Subject to the approval of NHSGGC for a continued 90% funding contribution	Operator	Operator	3	£417,702.00	£139,234.00	£112,069.88	£27,164.12
W034E	244	Forgewood - Motherwell - North Lodge	ARG Travel (Option)	Optional duration of 5 years, and farescale	SPT	Operator	5	£288,997.75	£57,578.10	£52,794.04	£4,784.06
W170A	23	Springhill - Shotts - Harthill - Whitburn	Stuarts Coaches	Subject to the approval of West Lothian Council for a continued 40% funding contribution	Operator	Operator	3	£396,000.00	£132,000.00	£124,072.00	£7,928.00
W174	6	Hawkhead - Paisley	McGills Buses	Journey reduction due to low demand.	Operator	Operator	1	£14,256.00	£14,256.00	£14,300.00	£-44.00
W175A	42, 211	Motherwell/Calderbank - Airdrie - Monklands Hospital	JMB Travel Option (Option)	Optional timetable offering enhanced provision & optional farescale, service renumbered 42/A	Operator	Operator	3	£484,519.00	£161,506.33	£134,858.74	£26,647.59
W176	344/A/B/C/D/E 348,349,403/A	Croy - Kilsyth/Twechar/Banton/ Cumbernauld	Canavan Travel (Option)	Optional duration of 5 years	Operator	Operator	5	£2,127,000.00	£423,770.11	£315,116.36	£108,653.75
W177	248	Wishaw General Hospital - Holytown	Stuarts Coaches		Operator	Operator	1	£47,800.00	£47,800.00	£50,414.00	£-2,614.00
								<b>£10,494,927.91</b>	<b>£3,215,695.59</b>	<b>£2,799,048.58</b>	<b>£416,647.01</b>