



**Amendments to subsidised local bus service contracts**

---

**Date of meeting** 8 November 2024

**Date of report** 29 October 2024

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

**1. Object of report**

To advise the Committee of amendments to subsidised local bus service contracts since the last Operations Committee meeting on 23 August 2024.

**2. Background to report**

It is necessary at times to adjust subsidised local bus service contracts to react to external factors, such as changes in the commercial local bus network, traffic management issues and temporary restrictions on the local road network. Such adjustments are actioned to ensure, as far as possible, service continuity to the travelling public.

In addition to the contracts detailed in Appendix 1, SPT regularly instructs minor adjustments to a number of other contracts to align their delivery on local and national public holidays with commercial provision.

SPT ensures that all subsidised local bus service contracts are monitored and reviewed on a regular basis, in respect of contract programme and value for money.

**3. Outline of proposals**

Appendix 1 details the subsidised local bus service contracts amended since the last Committee meeting of 23 August 2024, through delegated powers.

**4. Committee action**

The Committee is recommended to note the amendments to subsidised local bus service contracts, in accordance with established corporate governance, financial regulation and contract standing orders.

**5. Consequences**

Policy consequences	<i>In line with the Regional Transport Strategy and SPT's framework for local bus services.</i>
Legal consequences	<i>The amendments are permitted in terms with SPT's conditions of contract for transport services.</i>
Financial consequences	<i>The amendments to contracts detailed in this committee paper will result in reduced costs of £54,371 to SPT in 2024/2025 when compared current projections for these contracts.</i>

Personnel consequences	<i>None directly.</i>
Equalities consequences	<i>The proposals support continued operation of local bus services or, where service changes have resulted in impacts, mitigate the impact of a reduced commercial local bus services. Where contracts have been terminated or reduced this reflects commercial market provision or local demand and is not considered to have a significant detrimental impact.</i>
Risk consequences	<i>None directly.</i>
Climate Change, Adaptation & Carbon consequences	<i>Supported bus services help reduce transport emissions through encouraging modal shift to more sustainable travel.</i>

**Name** Gordon Dickson  
**Title** **Head of Bus Strategy & Delivery**

**Name** Valerie Davidson  
**Title** **Chief Executive**

For further information, please contact *Gordon Dickson, Head of Bus Strategy & Delivery* on 0141 333 3407.

## APPENDIX 1

### Amendments to subsidised local bus service contracts.

Contract	Service No	Description	Operator	Effective date	Remarks	Cost Effect.	Local Authority
LS74T1	245/A	Moodiesburn - Coatbridge	ARG Travel	14 July 2024	Allocation of SPT vehicle to temporary contract which operates from 2 June 2024 until 23 November 2024.	£200 reduction per week. (Total reduction over remaining contract period £3,800)	NLC
6031L	359	Girvan - Newton Stewart (Girvan Academy)	Western Buses	5 August 2024	SWestrans administered school/local contract extended from 5 August 2024 until 3 August 2025. SPT's local service apportioned mileage contribution of 34% of the contract value remains unchanged.	£145 increase per week. (Total increase over extended contract period £7,590)	SAC
S22	X10	Balfron - Strathblane - Milngavie - Glasgow	Midland Bluebird	22 August 2024	Stirling Council administered contract extended from 22 August 2024 until 26 October 2024. SPT's apportioned mileage contribution of 26.5% of the contract value remains unchanged.	Cost Neutral	EDC, GCC
W033K	15	Milngavie - Anniesland - Glasgow	Glasgow Citybus	30 September 2024	Amendment to the optional timetable to incorporate new commercial Monday to Saturday evening journeys, an increase in Saturday daytime frequency from hourly to half hourly, and new all day Sunday provision.	Cost Neutral	EDC, GCC
2857J	118	Hardgate - Gartnavel Hospital	McColl's Travel	30 September 2024	Contract termination, as a consequence of new commercial provision. Contract awarded to operate from 16 July 2023 until 12 July 2025.	£1,254 decrease per week. (Total reduction over remaining contract period £51,450)	EDC, GCC, WDC
W153	6B	Duntocher - Glasgow	McColl's Travel	30 September 2024	Contract termination, as a consequence of new commercial provision. Contract awarded to operate from 17 July 2022 until 15 July 2028.	£91 decrease per week. (Total reduction over remaining contract period £18,081)	EDC, GCC, WDC
W057E	11	Clydebank - Gartnavel Hospital	Glasgow Citybus	30 September 2024	Amendment to the timetable and route of service 11, as a consequence of antisocial behaviour and vandalism at Chalmers Street, Clydebank, to formalise temporary diversion route	Cost Neutral	GCC, WDC

Contract	Service No	Description	Operator	Effective date	Remarks	Cost Effect.	Local Authority
9574K1	81 A/B, M18, M92, R850,	Duntocher - Clydebank - Linnvale Glasgow North West MyBus	McGill's Buses	8 September 2024	Revised operational hours of MyBus provision, in line with demand. Contract awarded to operate from 8 July 2018 until 12 July 2025.	£385 decrease per week. (Total reduction over remaining contract period £16,968)	GCC, WDC
W039H1	205	Hairmyres Hospital - Blantyre - Hamilton (SPT Vehicles)	ARG Travel	6 October 2024	Reduction in price effective 6 October 2024, and extension of current contract from 13 July 2025 until 10 July 2027.	£362 decrease per week. (Total reduction over remaining contract period £52,227)	SLC
W033K	15	Milngavie - Anniesland - Glasgow	Glasgow Citybus	13 July 2025	Extension of current contract from 13 July 2025 until 11 July 2026,	£154 decrease per week. (Total reduction over remaining contract period £8,014)	EDC, GCC