



Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Minute of the Chairs' Committee

26 March 2024

held in person at 131 St Vincent Street and via Video Conference

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Minute of the meeting of Strathclyde Partnership for Transport's Chairs' Committee held at 131 St Vincent Street and via Video Conference* on 26 March 2024

Present Councillors Stephen Dornan (Chair), Alan Moir and David Wilson*.

Attending Valerie Davidson, Chief Executive and Gordon Dickson, Head of Bus Strategy & Delivery.

1. Apologies

No apologies were submitted.

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

The Committee noted there were no declarations of interest.

3. Bus Services on the Isle of Arran

There was submitted a report (issued) of 13 March 2024 seeking approval from the committee for the extension of contracts with Stagecoach Western Ltd for the delivery of all local supported bus services and home to school services on the Isle of Arran for a further period of 67 weeks, effective from 1 April 2024. The report outlined the reasons why an extension of contracts was sought together with the challenges of putting in place new contracts while uncertainty remained over the Ardrossan/Troon – Brodick ferry timetable and the impact this was having on the expected cost of the service.

After discussion and having heard from Mr Dickson and Mrs Davidson, the Chairs agreed:

1. To a contract extension for 67 weeks at a cost of £1,710,304, noting that the extension of the contracts also required the approval of North Ayrshire Council for the school transport elements and costs;
 2. That the additional costs should be sought from Transport Scotland given the impact of uncertainties surrounding the ferry; and
 3. That the contract award is also subject to an open-book arrangement with Stagecoach Western Ltd.
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