



Amendments to subsidised local bus service contracts

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Date of report 10 January 2025

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 8 November 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 8 November 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

In line with the Regional Transport Strategy and SPT's framework for local bus services

Legal consequences

All amendments are permitted in terms of SPT's conditions of contract for transport contracts.

Financial consequences

The amendments to contracts detailed in this committee paper will result in reduced costs of

£133,596 to SPT in 2024/2025 when compared with current projections for these contracts.

The full year impact of these contract awards is a reduction of £530,580 per annum.

Personnel consequences

None directly.

Equalities consequences

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.

Risk consequences

None directly.

Climate Change, Adaptation & Carbon consequences

Supported bus services help reduce transport emissions through encouraging modal shift to more sustainable travel.

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APPENDIX 1
Amendments to subsidised local bus service contracts

Contract	Service No	Description	Operator	Effective date	Remarks	Cost Effect.	Local Authority
2838L	72,178/A/B	Kirkintilloch - Glasgow (service 72) Kirkintilloch - Moodiesburn (service 178/A/B)	Craigs of Cumbernauld	15 September 2024	Amendment to the timetable and route of service 72 to address timeliness issues, as a consequence of road network restrictions in North Glasgow.	Cost Neutral	GCC, EDC
2876L	335, 346	Cumbernauld Circular (service 335) Cumbernauld - Wardpark Industrial Estate (service 346)	PVT Transfer	27 October 2024	Service 335 varied to operate in a clockwise direction as service 334, as a consequence of commercial service changes.	Cost Neutral	NLC
W130D	147/247	Monklands Hospital - Cumbernauld - Kilsyth/Kirkintilloch	Canavan Travel	17 November 2024	Contract termination, as a consequence of new commercial provision. Contract awarded to operate from 17 July 2022 until 12 July 2025.	£5,612* decrease per week. (Total reduction over remaining contract period £190,822*)	EDC, NLC
LS097Q	184/A	Antonine Park - Clydebank - Whitecreek	McColl's Travel	1 December 2024	Amendment to the timetable, to remove low used journeys. Contract awarded to operate from 17 July 2022 until 15 July 2028.	£65 decrease per week. (Total reduction over remaining contract period £12,443)	WDC
9595F	117A 132/A	Townhead - Coatbridge (service 117/A) Moodiesburn - Glenboig - Coatbridge (service 132/A)	Craigs of Cumbernauld	15 December 2024	Contract termination, contract awarded to operate from 14 July 2019 until 11 July 2026 on a gross cost basis.	£1,713 decrease per week. (Total reduction over remaining contract period £140,480)	NLC
W085F	307	Lochwinnoch - Johnstone	McGill's Buses	22 December 2024	Amendment to public holiday service levels. Contract awarded to operate from 15 July 2018 until 12 July 2025.	£14 increase per week. (Total increase over remaining contract period £421)	RC
W154A	3	Glenboig - Coatbridge	United Coaches	22 December 2024	Amendment to the timetable, as a consequence of commercial service changes. Contract awarded to operate from 17 July 2022 until 12 July 2025.	£60 decrease per week. (Total reduction over remaining contract period £1,763)	NLC
W151	208/218	Silverton - Dumbarton - Brucehill/Westcliff	McColl's Travel	29 December 2024	Contract suspension, as a consequence of low usage. Contract awarded to operate from 11 July 2021 until 10 July 2027.	£1,133 decrease per week. (Total reduction over remaining contract period £149,641)	WDC

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4980K	14	Rutherglen - Fernhill	JMB Travel	12 January 2025	Amendment to the timetable of service 14 to address timeliness issues.	Cost Neutral	SLC
W175A	42/A	Monklands Hospital - Airdrie - Calderbank	JMB Travel	12 January 2025	Revision to the timetable of service 42/A, at the request of the contractor.	Cost Neutral	NLC
9593M	13,19A, 31B, 226,227,228 230,399 M915, M96, 98	Hamilton - East Kilbride (13) Royston - Glasgow (19A) Carmunnock - East Kilbride (31B) Hamilton - Earnock/Whitehill (226,227,228) Hamilton - Silvertonhill (230) Greenhills - Hairmyres (399) South Lanarkshire MyBus	JMB Travel	12 January 2025	Amendment to the timetable of service 19A to remove low used journeys. Withdrawal of services 227/228 as a consequence of low usage. Contract awarded to operate from 14 July 2024 until 10 July 2027.	£296 decrease per week. (Total reduction over remaining contract period £38,482)	SL
5627U	521/A	Bishopton - Linburn - Erskine	McGill's Buses	26 January 2025	Alteration to the route of service 521/A to incorporate the servicing of a new bus turning area in Linburn, Erskine.	Cost Neutral	RC
9618	209	North Motherwell - Bellshill	Craigs of Cumbernauld	9 February 2025	Contract termination, as a consequence of low usage. Contract awarded to operate from 14 July 2019 until 11 July 2026. (Gross cost)	£2,587 decrease per week. (Total reduction over remaining contract period £191,470)	NLC
W154A	3	Glenboig - Coatbridge	United Coaches	13 July 2025	12 months contract extension, from 13 July 2023 until 11 July 2026.	£21 decrease per week. (Total reduction over extended contract period £1,097)	NLC