



## Proposed award of subsidised local bus service contracts

**Date of meeting** 24 June 2022

**Date of report** 8 June 2022

### Report by Chief Executive

#### 1. Object of report

To recommend the Partnership approve the award of a number of subsidised local bus service contracts in Glasgow City, North Lanarkshire, and South Lanarkshire council areas.

#### 2. Background

SPT subsidised bus services are not provided by the commercial market but are considered socially necessary in accordance with adopted guidelines. A proportion of these contracts are due to expire in July 2022 and tenders have been sought for their renewal.

Prior to seeking replacement contracts, SPT analyse 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 sustainability.

Operators wishing to bid must submit compliant tenders but optional 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

It is proposed to award seven contracts with a total contract value of £1,938,475.98 as detailed in Appendix 1. This will result in an annual increase of £163,644.98 to the subsidised bus budget 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 cost and revised cost shown. SPT note the withdrawal of the previously approved tender bid for contract W072H by Blue Bus and its alternative recommended tender bid contained within Appendix 1.

#### 4. Partnership action

The Partnership is recommended to agree to the awards of the contracts detailed in Appendix 1.

## 5. Consequences

Policy consequences	<i>In line with the Regional Transport Strategy.</i>
Legal consequences	<i>All contracts will be awarded subject to SPT's terms and conditions for transport contracts, together with vehicle lease agreement, where applicable.</i>
Financial consequences	<i>The award of the contracts detailed in this committee paper will result in additional costs of £117,028 to SPT in 2022/23. These additional costs can be contained within the subsidised budget for 2022/23 based on current projections.</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>Seeks to provide a sustainable public transport option for communities by supporting socially necessary bus services. As proposals support a continuation of existing local bus services an EIA has therefore not been undertaken.</i>

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