



Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Minute of Operations Committee

20 January 2017

held in 131 St Vincent Street, Glasgow

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Minute of the meeting of Strathclyde Partnership for Transport's Operations Committee held in 131 St Vincent Street, Glasgow, on 20 January 2017

Present Councillors Jonathan Findlay (Chair), Malcolm Balfour, Bill Grant, Kaye Harmon, Robert G MacIntyre, Hamish Stewart, Fariha Thomas and David Wilson and appointed member Gregory Beecroft.

Attending Valerie Davidson, Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support)/Secretary; Valerie A Bowen, Senior Committee Officer; Gordon MacLennan, Chief Executive; Eric Stewart, Assistant Chief Executive (Operations); Charlie Hoskins, Senior Director; Neil Wylie, Director of Finance and HR and Alex Scott, Bus Services Manager.

Also attending John Yellowlees, Abellio ScotRail.

1. Apologies

Apologies were submitted by Councillors Gerald Leonard, Alan Moir, Bobby McDill, Denis McKenna and Lawrence O'Neill and appointed member Graham Johnston.

2 Additional item

In terms of Standing Order No 3.2, the Partnership agreed to consider an additional item at the end of the meeting.

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

The committee noted that there were no declarations of interest.

4. Minute of previous meeting

The minute of the meeting of 4 November 2016 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

Arising from the minute, in relation to

- (1) page 1, paragraph 3(1), Mr Scott informed members that Transport Scotland had agreed to contribute towards additional costs incurred by SPT and North Lanarkshire Council; and
- (2) page 5, paragraph 9, Mr Scott reported that he had met with First Glasgow, the local member and the Developer, with a view to requesting a contribution towards providing additional links to the Great Western Retail Park, but had been unsuccessful in securing same.

5. Monitoring report on public transport services in the SPT area

There was submitted a report (issued) of 12 January 2017 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) informing the committee of the latest trends in the number of passengers carried and the reliability of services directly operated and supported by the Partnership and on ScotRail services in the SPT area; and

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- (2) providing information on the current status of SPT's bus action plan for the continuing improvement of bus service delivery within the region, regulating and fleet profile statistics and details of subsidised local bus service vehicle inspections.

After discussion and having heard Messrs Scott and Hoskins in further explanation and in answer to members' questions, the committee noted the terms of the report.

Thereon, Mr Yellowlees provided an update on a number of topics, including ScotRail's performance improvement plan. He also paid tribute to the Ayrshire Roads Alliance's creation of Active Travel Hubs at Ayr and Kilmarnock Stations.

6. Subsidised local bus service contract recommendations – financial implications

There was submitted a report (issued) of 11 January 2017 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support) advising the committee of the financial implications of members' possible decisions relating to further items on the agenda.

Mr Wylie informed members that, although there was no change to the forecast outturn in 2016/2017 as a result of the additional report on the proposed award of a contract for the Gourock-Kilcreggan Ferry service (to be considered at the end of the meeting) and the amended report on the renewal of subsidised bus services, the 2017/2018 position required to be re-assessed in light of the amended papers.

After consideration, the committee

- (1) noted the financial implications of awarding any contracts; and
- (2) agreed to give due consideration to the implications when making decisions on those contracts.

7. Proposed renewal of subsidised local bus service contracts

There was submitted a revised report (issued) of 10 January 2017 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) informing members of tenders received for the renewal of local subsidised bus services;
- (2) providing information on the various options contained in the tender documents; and
- (3) recommending the award of appropriate contracts.

After discussion and having heard Mr Scott in further explanation, the committee

- (a) agreed to the award of the following contracts:-

Contract	Contractor/Amount
Package 17306 (optional) containing contracts :- 4898Z North Motherwell- Motherwell Rail Station- Bellshill (service 209) LS009D Dumbarton- Tullichewan/Haldane (service 206)	First Glasgow, at a cost of £1,001,378 for the contract period from 16 July 2017 to 11 July 2020 in respect of contracts 4898Z, LS009D, LS081B and LS082C and from 16 July 2017 to

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Contract	Contractor/Amount
<p>LS040K Glasgow City Centre - Milton - Stobhill Hospital (service 128) LS081B Glasgow City Centre- Springburn - Stobhill Hospital (service M3) LS082C Glasgow City Centre - Carmunnock - East Kilbride (service 31) W023B Hairmyres Hospital - East Kilbride Bus Station - Elphinstone Crescent/Coatshill - Blantyre - Hamilton - Silvertonhill/Bellshill - Strathclyde Business Park (services M1/230/299) W058B Maryhill- Riddrie/Knightswood (service 8/94)</p>	<p>16 July 2022 in respect of contracts LS040K,W023B and W058B</p>
<p>2827M Kilsyth - Cumbernauld - Airdrie - Monklands Hospital (service 147/A)</p>	<p>McGills Buses at a cost of £237,000 for the contract period from 16 July 2017 to 11 July 2020</p>
<p>5645S Royal Alexandra Hospital - Paisley (service 60)</p>	<p>McGill's Buses at a cost of £22,194, for the contract period from 16 July 2017 to 11 July 2020</p>
<p>6801K Millport Pier - Cumbrae Slip (service 320)</p>	<p>Millport Motors at a cost of £126,000, for the contract period from 16 July 2017 to 16 July 2022</p>
<p>LS060D Kilbirnie – Beith (service 32) Irvine - Kilwinning – Dalry – Beith (service 125)</p>	<p>Shuttle Buses at a cost of £313,638 for the contract period from 16 July 2017 to 13 July 2019</p>
<p>W040B Kilmarnock - Galston (service 332) Kilmarnock - Moorfield Industrial Park (service 333) Kilmarnock - Grange Estate/Southcraigs (service 334)</p>	<p>Western Buses at a cost of £256,056 for the contract period from 16 July 2017 to 11 July 2020</p>
<p>W060B1 Greenock - Wemyss Bay - Largs (services 576, 578)</p>	<p>McGill's Buses at a cost of £70,000, for the contract period from 16 July 2017 to 13 July 2019</p>
<p>W065B4 Kilmacolm - Quarriers Village - Bridge of Weir – Johnstone (service X7A) Kilmacolm - Greenock (service 530)</p>	<p>McGill's Buses at a cost of £205,175 for the contract period from 16 July 2017 to 16 July 2022</p>

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Contract	Contractor/Amount
W066D Lomond Shores - Rosshead – Bonhill (service 207)	Garelochhead Coaches at a cost of £75,000 for the contract period from 16 July 2017 to 16 July 2022
W075E1 Stonehouse - Strathaven (service 254)	Whitelaw's Coaches at a cost of £46,000 for the contract period from 16 July 2017 to 14 July 2018 (optional tender)

8. Proposed amendments to subsidised local bus service contracts

After consideration of a report (issued) of 18 October 2016 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations) detailing changes to subsidised local bus services arising from changed circumstances, the committee approved the amendments as detailed below:-

Contract	Amendment
Contract 5627K Bishopton Local (service 520) Bishopton – Erskine (service 521)	Cancellation of contract with effect from 16 November 2016 due to the introduction of duplicate provision by McGill's Buses in the form of commercial services 520 and 521
Contract W085B Johnstone - Howwood - Lochwinnoch (service 307)	Cancellation of contract with effect from 16 November 2016 due to the introduction of duplicate provision by McGill's Buses in the form of commercial service 307
Contract 2876G1 Cumbernauld Local (service 343) Cumbernauld–Seafar (service 343A) Contract 2876G2 Cumbernauld Rail Station Abronhill- Wardpark Industrial Estate (service 346) Contract 2827L Kilsyth-Cumbernauld-Airdrie-Monklands Hospital (service 147/A) Contracts 9603D and W021C Croy–Blackwood–Twechar–Kilsyth-Banton (services 344/A/B, 349) Croy-Balloch-Craigmarloch-Carrickstone (service 348) Croy-Balloch-Craigmarloch-Cumbernauld- Greenfaulds (service 403/A/B)	The Cumbernauld Bus Stance Improvement Project requires the phased, temporary closure of both the northbound and southbound bus stances for an estimated period of 12 months. North Lanarkshire Council advised recently that a legal issue had arisen which had resulted in the postponement of the project, which was due to commence on 15 January 2017. The route and timetable of the relevant services would require to be altered once the project commenced (no additional costs)
Contract W058A Maryhill – Riddrie (service 8) Maryhill - Knightswood (service 94)	Alteration to the route and timetable of service 8 with effect from 13 November 2016 following First Glasgow's notification of its intention to retain the altered route of the commercial element of this service (saving of £44 per week, equivalent to £2,310 per annum)

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Contract	Amendment
Contract 2876G1 Cumbernauld Local (service 343) Cumbernauld - Seafar (service 343A)	Alteration to the timetable and route of service 343A with effect from 11 December 2016 to address the gap in public transport provision between Seafar and Cumbernauld Town centre as result of changes to Stagecoach's commercial network (additional cost of £175 per week, equivalent to)
Contracts 9603D and W021C Croy – Blackwood – Twechar – Kilsyth – Banton (services 344/A/B, 349) Croy - Balloch - Craigmarloch - Carrickstone (service 348) Croy - Balloch - Craigmarloch - Cumbernauld – Greenfaulds (service 403/A/B)	Alteration to the route and timetable of service 403/A/B, within contract 9603D with effect from 11 December 2016 and also to contract W021C, with effect from 18 December 2016 to fill gaps in socially necessary transport provision between Seafar and Cumbernauld Town centre as a result of changes to Stagecoach's commercial network (additional costs of £40 per week (equivalent to £2,075 per annum) and £39 per week (equivalent to £2,025 per annum), respectively
Contract 2827L Kilsyth - Cumbernauld - Airdrie - Monklands Hospital (service 147/A)	Alteration to the route and timetable of service with effect from 12 December 2016 to fill gaps in socially necessary transport provision in Condorrat, Ring Road (south) as a result of changes to Stagecoach's commercial network (additional cost of £125 per week, equivalent to £6,490 per annum)
Contract LS601C Kilbirnie – Beith - Irvine - Kilwinning - Dalry (services 32/125)	alteration to the timetable of service 125 with effect from 1 January 2017 to address minor timekeeping issues due to traffic congestion (no additional costs)
Contract W024F1 Carnbroe - Coatbridge - Cliftonville - Monklands Hospital (service 77) Townhead - Coatbridge - Cliftonville - Monklands Hospital – Carnbroe (service 117)	Alteration to the timetable of service 117 with effect from 8 January 2017 as a result of McGill's enhanced service provision between Coatbridge and Townhead (saving of £43 per week, equivalent to £2,254 per annum)
Contract 4953G Lanark - Leadhills - Wanlockhead (services 30/31)	Alteration to the route and timetable of services 30/31 with effect from 8 January 2017 to offer interchange opportunities at Abington service area with Western Buses service X74 (additional cost of £14 per week, equivalent to £707 per annum)

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Contract	Amendment
Contract W087A1 Glasgow - Parkhead - Carmyle - Halfway (services 64/164) Newton Farm - Cambuslang - Parkhead (service 364)	Alteration to the route and timetable of service 364 with effect from 15 January 2017 as a result of First Glasgow truncating commercial service 8 (additional cost of £54 per week, equivalent to £2,828 per annum)

9. Request for subsidised local bus service

There was submitted and approved a report (issued) of 8 December 2016 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations), advising members of two requests for the provision of subsidised local bus services and recommending no action in respect of the requests.

10. Carriage of animals on the Subway

P With reference to the minute of the Partnership of 9 December 2016 (page 3, paragraph 8) when the Partnership had remitted to this committee correspondence requesting that SPT's policy in relation to the carriage of animals on the Subway be reviewed and brought into line with other forms of public transport and underground services in the UK which allowed dogs to be transported, there was submitted a report (issued) of 21 December 2016 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) outlining the context of the review;
- (2) providing information on the rationale for the current Conditions of Travel on the carriage of animals;
- (3) informing members of the Subway specific considerations and risks which had been taken into account during the review, including physical limitations within the trains and on the platforms; and
- (4) Intimating that the Subway Modernisation programme might provide opportunity through the introduction of the new rolling stock and platforms screen door to mitigate some of these risks and potentially relax the restrictions in future.

After consideration and having heard Mr Hoskins in further explanation, the committee agreed to recommend to the Partnership that the current policy should remain unchanged, but that SPT would continue to keep the matter under consideration as the Subway Modernisation programme was progressed.

11. Gourock – Kilcreggan Ferry Service: Update

Reference was made to the minute of 4 November 2016 (page 5, paragraph 10) when the committee had noted, inter alia, that, as the contract for the Gourock – Kilcreggan service was due to expire at the end of March 2017, a procurement exercise was required to ensure continuation of the service until such time as transfer to Transport Scotland was arranged.

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Thereon, there was submitted and approved a report (issued) of 18 January 2017 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) advising members that, although a tendering exercise had taken place at the end of 2016, only one tender had been received and it had been decided that, to ensure effective competition in the interests of the public purse, a further exercise be undertaken; and
- (2) recommending that the committee
 - (a) award the contract for the ferry service to Clydelink Ltd. at a cost of £319,538 for the initial contract period to commence on 3 April 2017; and
 - (b) note
 - (i) that the contract could be extended for up to 7 years, based on the equivalent annual price submitted and subject to any annual price adjustments provided for in the Conditions of Contract; and
 - (ii) that the award of the contract was subject to satisfaction of the requirements of the mandatory standstill period for EU advertised public sector contracts.