



Amendments to subsidised local bus service contracts

Date of meeting 25 August 2023

Date of report 3 August 2023

Report by Chief Executive

1. Object of report

To advise the Committee of amendments to subsidised local and MyBus bus service contracts since the last Operations Committee meeting on 28 April 2023.

2. Background to report

It is necessary to adjust subsidised local and MyBus bus service contracts to react to external factors, such as the fluidity of the commercial local bus network or road/traffic management issues to ensure, as far as possible, service continuity to the travelling public.

In addition to the contracts detailed in Appendix 1, SPT continue to adjust a number of others 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

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

4. Consequences

Policy consequences	<i>In line with SPT's Framework for Supporting Local Bus Services. Where service changes result in marginal impacts, satisfactory alternative transport services are available.</i>
Legal consequences	<i>All proposed amendments are permitted as per the terms & conditions of contract.</i>
Financial consequences	<i>The amendments to contracts detailed in this committee paper will result in increased costs of £126,092 to SPT in 2023/2024 when compared to the 2023/2024 budget projection. These additional costs can be contained within the existing 2023/2024 revenue budget.</i>

Personnel consequences	<i>None directly.</i>
Equalities consequences	<i>Seeks to reduce the incidence of social exclusion by supporting socially necessary bus services. The majority of amendments will have a positive impact while others will not result in significant detriment.</i>
Risk consequences	<i>None directly.</i>
Climate Change, Adaptation & Carbon consequences	<i>No significant impact.</i>

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APPENDIX 1

Amendments to subsidised local bus service contracts

Contract	Service No	Description	Operator	Effective date	Remarks	Cost	Local Authority
9556E	M1	East Ayrshire DRT	Shuttle Buses	28 March 2023	Removal of temporary home to school transport provision for St Patrick's Primary School, Auchinleck. 20.5% of weekly cost reapportioned from East Ayrshire Council to SPT. Revised operating hours of Mybus provision.	Cost neutral	EAC
4865E	191	Lanark - Symington - Biggar	Stuarts Coaches	22 May 2023	Revised timetable of service 191 to offer improved interchange options with rail services at Lanark Station, as a consequence of a ScotRail timetable change.	Cost neutral	SLC
6524H	322/323/323A/324	Brodick - Blackwaterfoot	Western Buses	4 June 2023	Additional afternoon service 323 school day only journey between Brodick and Kilmory Primary School, to address compliance issues as a consequence of late running ferry services.	Cost neutral	NAC
6790K	361	Dunure - Ayr - Straiton	Western Buses	12 June 2023	Alteration to the route of service 361 due to the closure of Greenfield Avenue, Ayr to facilitate utility works, for an estimated period of 6 weeks.	Cost Neutral	SAC
5627P2	521/A	Bishopton - Erskine	McGill's Buses	18 June 2023	Alteration to the Monday to Saturday timetable of service 521/A to offer improved interchange with rail services at Bishopton Station as a consequence of a ScotRail timetable change. Removal of early morning Monday to Friday journeys, due to low passenger demand.	£116.96 reduction per week	RC

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LS060G	25/A/B/C/D/E X36	Irvine - Kilwinning - Beith 25/A/B/C/D/E Ardrossan - Beith Service X36	Western Buses	2 July 2023	Revised timetable of service 25A to offer improved interchange with evening rail services at Glengernock Station, as a consequence of a ScotRail timetable change.	Cost neutral	NAC
0914T2	189	Glasgow Inner Circle	Hobson Travel	16 July 2023	Contract extension from 16 July 2023 until 7 October 2023.	£1,770.00 per week.	GCC
0914T3	190	Glasgow Inner Circle	ARG Travel	16 July 2023	Contract extension from 16 July 2023 until 7 October 2023.	£1980.00 per week.	GCC
W065F	1/A 2/A X6A X7	Kilmacolm - Bridge of Weir - Houston - Linwood - Johnstone Greenock - Kilmacolm	McGill's Buses	16 July 2023	Alteration to the route and timetable of service X6A, to incorporate the servicing of Kilbarchan as service X6B, as a consequence of McGill's commercial network changes, effective from contract commencement.	£765.52 increase per week	IC, RC
W156T1	245A	Moodiesburn - Townhead - Coatbridge	McNair's Coaches	16 July 2023	Contract extension from 16 July 2023 until 19 July 2023 to align subsidised provision with McNair's Coaches commercial network changes.	Cost neutral	NLC
LS074V	310	Moodiesburn - Shettleston	Craig's of Cumbernauld	20 July 2023	Reinstatement of suspended subsidised service 245/A Moodiesburn - Coatbridge, following a period of part commercial operation by McNair's Coaches.	£1,647.09 increase per week	NLC
6031L	359	Girvan - Newton Stewart/Girvan Academy	Western Buses	4 August 2024	Extension of School/Local contract administered by Swestrans. Funding is apportioned between SPT (17.68%), South Ayrshire Council Education Department (16.32%) and SWestrans (66%) until 4 Aug 2024.	£50,607.23 which equates to £973.21 per week (SPT contribution)	SAC

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LS076P	312	Caldercruix - Airdrie - Coatbridge	McGill's Buses	14 August 2023	Alteration to the Monday to Saturday evening, and the Sunday morning and evening timetable of service 312 to remove journeys, due to low passenger demand. Assignment of contract from McGills Buses to McGill's Scotland East to assist with service delivery.	£103.57 reduction per week	NLC