



### Proposed award of subsidised local bus service

**Committee**            Operations

**Date of meeting**    22 January 2016

**Date of report**    31 December 2015

#### Report by Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

##### 1.    **Object of report**

To recommend the Committee approves the award of a contract for a subsidised local bus service.

This report affects Glasgow City Council area.

##### 2.    **Background**

SPT subsidises bus services which are not provided by the commercial market but which are considered socially necessary in accordance with SPT's adopted guidelines. A service withdrawal by McGill's Buses required that SPT carry out tendering exercises for the provision of a replacement service.

The recommended long-term arrangement for the provision of this service is detailed below. It should be noted that the temporary contract currently in place for the delivery of service 141 has been reported to this Committee within a separate paper.

The Committee is asked to consider the under noted contracts for award.

##### 3.    **Outline of proposals**

Copies of all timetables are available on request.

###### **(a)    *Partick - Broomhill - Gartnavel Hospital (service 141) SPT vehicle***

McGill's Buses took the decision to withdraw its commercially provided service 141, which provided a Monday to Friday daytime service between Partick bus station and Gartnavel Hospital via Broomhill from 15 December 2015.

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Following an unsuccessful effort to stimulate interest in a commercial replacement of the service, SPT cancelled contract W080E1 which provided the Saturday and Sunday elements of service 141, to create a revised contract which encompasses the necessary requirements.

Temporary contract W103T1 has since been arranged and awarded under delegated powers, to provide a Monday to Saturday daytime and Sunday daytime and early evening service between Partick bus station and Gartnavel Hospital via Broomhill.

Temporary contract W103T1 operates from 15 December 2015 until 26 March 2016 at a cost of £1,035 per week, equivalent to £53,820 per annum.

Tenders were invited for a long-term contract to replace the current temporary arrangements and the best value tender for contract W103A was submitted by McGill's Buses at a cost of £282,449 for the contract period 27 March 2016 until 10 July 2021, equivalent to an annual cost of £53,215 and is based on SPT supplying a vehicle from its residual fleet. This represents a saving of £605 per annum on the cost of the current temporary arrangements.

Based on the above, it is recommended that contract W103A should be awarded to McGill's Buses at a cost of £282,449.

## 4. Committee action

The Committee is recommended to agree to the award of contract W103A to McGill's Buses at a cost of £282,449 for the contract period 27 March 2016 until 10 July 2021.

## 5. Consequences

Policy consequences: *In line Regional Transport Strategy.*

Legal consequences: *All contracts will be awarded subject to SPT's terms and conditions for transport contracts and where applicable, vehicle lease agreements.*

Financial consequences: *The award of the contract detailed in the committee paper will result in additional cost of £53,215 in 2016/17.*

Personnel consequences: *None*

Equalities consequences: *Seeks to reduce the incidence of social exclusion by supporting socially necessary bus services.*

Risk consequences: *None.*

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