



### Contracts awarded under delegated powers

**Committee** Operations

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**Date of report** 09 October 2020

#### Report by Assistant Chief Executive

#### 1. Object of report

To notify the Committee of subsidised local bus service contracts awarded utilising delegated powers.

#### 2. Background

It has been necessary to award subsidised local bus service contracts as allowed for in the Scheme of Delegations. This has been done in order to react to commercial local bus market changes and ensure that, where budget allows, service continuity to the travelling public continues. In each circumstance, SPT endeavoured to encourage the market to respond commercially, although this was unsuccessful.

Appendix 1 details the subsidised local bus service contracts involved since August 2020.

Tendering processes continue to ensure that all contracts are monitored, reviewed and where justified, replaced on a sustainable basis.

#### 3. Committee action

The Committee is recommended to note the subsidised local bus service contracts awarded, utilising delegated powers, thus ensuring that socially necessary gaps in the public transport network arising from commercial local bus market changes are provided for.

#### 4. Consequences

Policy consequences	<i>In line with Regional Transport Strategy.</i>
Legal consequences	<i>All contracts are awarded subject to SPT's conditions of contract for transport contracts and where applicable, vehicle lease agreements.</i>
Financial consequences	<i>The award of contracts detailed in this committee paper will result in additional costs to SPT of £6,277 and new costs of £32,498 to West Lothian Council in 2020/21.</i>
Personnel consequences	<i>None directly.</i>
Equalities consequences	<i>Seeks to reduce the incidence of social exclusion</i>

Risk consequences

*by supporting socially necessary bus services.  
None directly.*

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**APPENDIX 1****Contracts awarded utilising delegated powers - for noting**

<b>Contract</b>	<b>Service No</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Original Operator</b>	<b>Start / End</b>	<b>Remarks</b>	<b>Contract Cost</b>	<b>Awarded to</b>
W149	34A	Lanark - Forth - Shotts - Breich Livingston (partly commercial)	Stuart's Coaches	27 September 2020 / 25 September 2021	Renewal of contract for service 34A, which provides links to West Lothian through a commercial extension that provides an hourly Monday to Saturday daytime service to Livingston, via Breich and Fauldhouse. West Lothian Council contribute 59.52% of the cost. Subsidised sections of route are Forth – Shotts (SPT) and Fauldhose – Breich - West Calder (West Lothian).	£109,200, which equates to £2,100 per week  (SPT contribution is £850 per week)	Stuart's Coaches
W151T	208/218	Silverton - Dumbarton - Brucehill/ Westcliff	McColls Travel	25 October 2020 - 27 February 2021	Following the termination of contract 9571H1 (MyBus & Local service 208/218) from 25 October 2020, an 18-week contract has been awarded for the continuation of local service 208/218 to provide sufficient time to develop, advertise and award a sustainable replacement.	£26,730, which equates to £1,485 per week	McColls Travel