



Amendments to subsidised local bus service contracts

Committee Operations

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Report by Assistant Chief Executive

1. Object of report

To advise the Committee of amendments to subsidised local and MyBus bus service contracts since the last Committee meeting on 30 April 2021.

2. Background

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 in order to ensure as far as possible, service continuity to the travelling public.

Appendix 1 details such amendments, whilst also noting contracts adjusted to maintain provision directly or indirectly affected due to the COVID 19 pandemic.

In addition to those 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.

Processes continue to ensure that all subsidised local bus service contracts are monitored and reviewed on a sustainable basis, whilst meeting obligations in terms of best value, therefore ensuring that funding is used to greatest effect.

3. Outline of proposals

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

4. Consequences

Policy consequences	<i>In line with the Regional Transport Strategy.</i>
Legal consequences	<i>All amendments are permitted in terms of SPT's conditions of contract for transport contracts.</i>
Financial consequences	<i>The amendments to contracts detailed in this committee paper will result in savings of £115,299 to SPT in 2021/22 and additional costs of £11,833</i>

to West Lothian Council.

Personnel consequences

None directly.

Equalities consequences

None directly.

Risk consequences

None directly.

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APPENDIX 1

Amendments to subsidised local bus service contracts

Contract	Service No	Description	Operator	Effective date	Remarks	Cost	Local Authority
W007D	121	Govan - Victoria Hospital	McGill's Buses	19 April 2021	Alteration to the route of service 121 due to the long term closure of Edmiston Drive, Glasgow to facilitate utility works, for an estimated period of 4 weeks.	Cost Neutral	GCC
W041C	585A	Largs - Ardrossan - Stevenston	Western Buses	26 April 2021	Alteration to the route of service 585A due to the preparatory works and subsequent introduction of a one-way system, within New Street, Stevenston.	Cost Neutral	NAC
4840J1	395	East Kilbride - Eaglesham - Uplawmoor	McGill's Buses	17 May 2021	Alteration to the route of service 395 due to the long term closure of Uplawmoor Road, Neilston to facilitate utility works, for an estimated period of 7 weeks.	Cost Neutral	ERC, SLC
W140A	166	Neilston - Paisley - Gallowhill	McGill's Buses	17 May 2021	Alteration to the route of service 166 due to the long term closure of Uplawmoor Road, Neilston to facilitate utility works, for an estimated period of 7 weeks.	Cost Neutral	ERC, RC

9593J	13, 19A, 31B, 211, 226, 227, 228, 230, 399, M15 M96	<p>East Kilbride - Strathaven - Hamilton (service 13)</p> <p>Robroyston - Glasgow (service 19A)</p> <p>East Kilbride - Carmunock (service 31B)</p> <p>Airdrie - Calderbank - Motherwell (service 211)</p> <p>Little Earnock/High Earnock/Whitehill - Hamilton Bus Station/Hillhouse (services 226/227/228)</p> <p>Silvertonhill - Hamilton (service 230)</p> <p>Whitehills - Hairmyres Station (service 399)</p> <p>Lanarkshire DRT services M15 M96</p>	JMB Travel	23 May 2021	Minor alteration to the Monday to Friday timetable of service 31B, at the request of the contractor.	Cost Neutral	SLC
4801V	137	Carnwath - Lanark - Forth - Braehead	Stuarts Coaches	30 May 2021 13 June 2021	Alteration to the route of service 137 due to the long term closure of Woodstock Road by South Lanarkshire Council, for an estimated period of 29 weeks. A further timetable change was implemented on 13 June 2021 to improve connectivity with rail services at Lanark Interchange.	Cost Neutral	SLC
W071B	135 317B	<p>Lanark Local - New Lanark (service 135)</p> <p>Lanark - Crossford (service 317B)</p>	Stuarts Coaches	30 May 2021 13 June 2021	Alteration to the route of service 135 due to the long term closure of Woodstock Road by South Lanarkshire Council, for an estimated period of 29 weeks. A further timetable change was implemented on 13 June 2021 to improve connectivity with rail services at Lanark Interchange.	Cost Neutral	SLC

9557H	8/A, 9 135, 202	Glespin/Lesmahagow - Lanark (service 8/A) Glespin - Lanark (service 9/39) Lanark Local - New Lanark (service 135) Monklands Hospital - Salsburgh (service 202)	Stuarts Coaches	30 May 2021 13 June 2021	Alteration to the route of service 135 due to the long term closure of Woodstock Road by South Lanarkshire Council, for an estimated period of 29 weeks. A further timetable change was implemented on 13 June 2021 to improve connectivity with rail services at Lanark Interchange.	Cost Neutral	SLC
W051D	10, 20	Hawkhead - Paisley - Royal Alexandra Hospital (service 10) Johnstone - Royal Alexandra Hospital - Paisley (service 20)	McGill's Buses	6 June 2021	Revised timetable and route of service 20, in order to standardise both the commercial and subsidised elements of the service, in-line with commercial network changes.	Cost Neutral	RC
4865E	191	Lanark - Biggar	Stuarts Coaches	13 June 2021	Alteration to the timetable of service 191 to improve connectivity with rail services at Lanark Interchange.	Cost Neutral	SLC
4953H1	30,31	Lanark - Leadhills - Wanlockhead	Stuarts Coaches	13 June 2021	Alteration to the timetable of services 30, 31 to improve connectivity with rail services at Lanark Interchange.	Cost Neutral	SLC

W074B2	317	Hamilton - Larkhall - Lanark	Stuarts Coaches	13 June 2021	Alteration to the timetable of service 317 to improve connectivity with rail services at Lanark Interchange.	Cost Neutral	SLC
W045F	49,124,153	Silverburn - Shawlands (service 49) Govan - North Cardonald (service 124) Silverburn - Glasgow (service 153)	Craig of Campbeltown	27 June 2021 21 July 2021	Timetable alteration to service 49, to address reliability and compliance issues from 27 June 2021. Also, cost neutral alteration to the routes and timetables of services 124 and 153 due to the long term closure of Corkerhill Road, Mossspark to facilitate utility works, for an estimated period of 14 weeks from 21 July 2021.	Pro-rata decrease of £41.03 per week.	GCC
W023B	M1,230,299	East Kilbride Local (service M1) Silvertonhill – Coatshill (service 230) Bellshill – Strathclyde Business Park (service 299)	First Glasgow	28 June 2021	Alteration to the route of service 230 due to the long term closure of Station Road, Blantyre to facilitate utility works, for an estimated period of 7 weeks.	Cost Neutral	SLC
LS005Q	59	Mossspark - Glasgow	First Glasgow	11 July 2021 22 Aug 2021	Timetable alteration to service 59, to address reliability and compliance issues from 11 July 2021. Following the decommissioning of the NHS Louisa Jordon on 18 July 2021, service 59 will be reinstated to its previous timetable and route from 22 August 2021.	Cost Neutral	GCC

W039D2	205	Hairmyres Hospital - Hamilton - Torr Farm	First Glasgow	11 July 2021	Contract extension until 16 July 2022, to provide sufficient time to further assess patronage levels post COVID 19, and to develop a sustainable substantive solution, at an increased cost of £740.00 per week.	Pro-rata increase of £211.02 per week.	SLC
W131B1	213	Airdrie/Coatbridge - Baillieston	McGill's Buses	11 July 2021	Following changes within the commercial network and a subsequent emergency tendering exercise, contract W131B1 was terminated. Details of the replacement contract for the remaining elements of service 213 are included in a separate paper referred to this Committee.	Pro rata decrease of £901.34 per week	NLC
W147C	213	Airdrie/Coatbridge - Baillieston	Kevins Coaches	11 July 2021	Following changes within the commercial network and a subsequent emergency tendering exercise, contract W147C was terminated prior to commencement. Details of the replacement contract for the remaining elements of service 212/213 are included in a separate paper referred to this Committee.	Pro rata decrease of £1,771.01 per week	NLC
W072E	47/A	Carluke Local/Lower Braidwood	McGill's Buses	11 July 2021	Following changes within the commercial network and a subsequent emergency tendering exercise, contract W072E was terminated prior to commencement. Details of the replacement contract for the remaining elements of service 47/A are included in a separate paper referred to this Committee.	Pro rata decrease of £176.56 per week	SLC

0914M	189/190	Glasgow Inner Circle	First Glasgow	11 July 2021	Temporary timetable alteration to service 189, between 11 July 2021 and 7 August 2021, at the request of the contractor.	Cost Neutral	GCC
W033F1	15	Milngavie - Anniesland	Craig of Campbeltown	18 July 2021	Timetable and city centre route alteration (commercial element) to service 15, at the request of the contractor.	Cost Neutral	EDC ,GCC
W121B1	49	Southpark Village - Silverburn - Govan	First Glasgow	21 July 2021	Alteration to the route of service 49 due to the long term closure of Corkerhill Road, Mossbank to facilitate utility works, for an estimated period of 14 weeks.	Cost Neutral	GCC
W087C1	64,164,364	Halfway - Carmyle - City Centre (service 64/164) Newton Farm - Parkhead (service 364)	McGill's Buses	25 July 2021	Alteration to the route and timetable of services 64,164,364 due to the long term closure of Newton Station Road, Cambuslang to facilitate bridge repair works, for an estimated period of 21 weeks.	Cost Neutral	GCC,SLC

6031K	359	Girvan Academy - Newton Stewart	Western Buses	9 August 2021	Extension of the School/Local contract administered by Swestrans until 7 August 2022. Funding is apportioned between SPT (17.68%), South Ayrshire Council Education Department (16.32%) and SWestrans (66%), at the existing cost of £750.33 per week.	Cost Neutral	SAC
W149	34A	Forth - Shotts - Livingston	Stuarts Coaches	26 September 2021	Contract extended until 26 March 2022, to provide sufficient time to further assess patronage levels post COVID 19, and to develop a sustainable substantive solution. Increased contribution from funding partners West Lothian Council.	Pro-rata decrease of £325.08 per week.	NLC