

Contracts awarded under delegated powers

Date of meeting 22 August 2025

Date of report 25 July 2025

Report by Head of Bus Strategy & Delivery

1. Object of report

To notify the Committee of subsidised local bus service contracts awarded utilising delegated powers. This paper affects Inverclyde, North and South Lanarkshire, Renfrewshire and West Dunbartonshire council areas.

2. Background to report

It has been necessary to permit the award of subsidised local bus service contracts as allowed for in the Scheme of Delegations. This has been done to maintain service continuity to the travelling public.

3. Outline of proposals

Appendix 1 details the subsidised local bus service contracts awarded since the last meeting of 25 April 2025.

4. Committee action

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

5. Consequences

Policy consequences	<i>In line with the Regional Transport Strategy and SPT's framework for local bus services.</i>
Legal consequences	<i>All contracts will be subject to SPT's terms and conditions of contract for transport services.</i>
Financial consequences	<i>The award of the contracts detailed in this committee paper will result in increased costs of £47,769 to SPT in 2025/2026 when compared to projected costs included in the approved 2025/2026 budget for these contracts.</i>
Personnel consequences	<i>None directly.</i>
Equalities consequences	<i>The proposals support continued operation of local bus services or, where service changes have resulted in</i>

Risk consequences	<i>impacts, mitigate the impact of a reduced commercial local bus services.</i>
Climate Change, Adaptation & Carbon consequences	<i>None directly.</i>
	<i>Supported bus services help reduce transport emissions through encouraging modal shift to more sustainable travel.</i>

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APPENDIX 1

Contracts awarded utilising delegated powers

Contract	Service No	Description	Original Operator	Start / End	Remarks	Weekly Contract Cost	Total Contract Cost	Awarded to
W180T	307	Lochwinnoch - Howwood - Johnstone Station	Shuttle Buses	18 May 2025/ 15 November 2025.	Temporary contract due to the withdrawal of commercial service 4 by Shuttle Buses.	£1,052	£27,352	McGills Buses (option)
W183T	9	Quarriers Village - Bridge of Weir - Johnstone Station	Johnstone Area Community Transport.	15 June 2025/ 10 Jan 2026	Temporary contract due to the cessation of Johnstone Area Community Transport.	£2,779	£83,370	McGills Buses (option)
W035T1	42/42A	Wishaw General Hospital - Overton - Larkhall	JMB Travel	13 July 2025/ 11 July 2026	Temporary contract due to changes in the commercial network by JMB Travel replacing the essential elements of service 251 from expired substantive contract W035C.	£2,450	£127,400	JMB Travel (option)
W074T2	317	Hamilton - Larkhall - Lanark	Stuarts Coaches	13 July 2025/ 10 Jan 2026	Temporary contract due to changes in the commercial network by Stuarts Coaches replacing the essential elements of service 317 from expired substantive contract W074C.	£1,350	£35,100	Stuarts Coaches
W134T3	117, 202	Townhead - Coatbridge (service 117) Salsburgh - Monklands Hospital (service 202)	McNairns Coaches / Stuarts Coaches	13 July 2025/ 10 Jan 2026	Temporary contract due to changes in the commercial network by McNairns Coaches.	£1,736	£45,125	ARG Travel (option)
W138T3	312/A	Coatbridge/Monklands Hospital - Plains - Caldercruix (service 312/A)	Midland Bluebird	13 July 2025/ 10 Jan 2026	Temporary contract due to changes in the commercial network by McNairns Coaches.	£1,122	£29,166	ARG Travel (option)
W178A	81/A/B	Linnvale - Clydebank - Duntocher	McGills Buses	13 July 2025/ 15 July 2028	Substantive contract renewal via direct negotiation. Very low use journeys removed and increased in the commercial service by First Glasgow (Service 81).	£1,515	£237,908	McGills Buses (option)