



Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Minute of Operations Committee

26 August 2016

held in 131 St Vincent Street, Glasgow

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Minute of the meeting of Strathclyde Partnership for Transport's Operations Committee held in 131 St Vincent Street, Glasgow, on 26 August 2016

- Present** Councillors Denis McKenna (Chair), Malcolm Balfour, Tony Buchanan, Bill Grant, Jonathan Findlay, Gerald Leonard, Kaye Harmon, Robert G MacIntyre, Hamish Stewart and David Wilson and appointed member Gregory Beecroft and Graham Johnston.
- Attending** Valerie Davidson, Secretary/Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support); Kirsten Gibson Committee Support Officer; Eric Stewart, Assistant Chief Executive (Operations); Charlie Hoskins, Senior Director; Neil Wylie, Director of Finance and HR and Ronnie Park, Director of Bus Operations.
- Also attending** John Yellowlees, Abellio ScotRail.

1. Apologies

Apologies were submitted by Councillors Chris Kelly, Bobby McDill, Alan Moir, Lawrence O'Neill and Hugh Ross (substitute).

2. Declaration of interest in terms of the Ethical Standards in Public Life etc (Scotland) Act 2000

The committee noted that there were no declarations of interest.

3. Minute of previous meeting

The minute of the meeting of 24 June 2016 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

4. Monitoring report on public transport services in the SPT area

There was submitted and noted a report (issued) of 17 August 2016 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) informing the committee of the latest trends in the number of passengers carried and the reliability of services directly operated and supported by the Partnership and on Abellio ScotRail services in the SPT area; and
- (2) providing information on the current status of SPT's bus action plan for the continuing improvement of bus service delivery within the region, regulating and fleet profile statistics and details of subsidised local bus service vehicle inspections.

After discussion and having heard Mr Park in further explanation and in answer to members' questions, the committee noted the terms of the report.

Thereon, Mr Yellowlees provided an update on a number of topics, including the suspension of industrial action by RMT over the issue of who controlled train doors, the re-opening of Glasgow Queen Street High Level on 7 August and proposed engineering works and their impact on services.

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5. Subsidised local bus service contract recommendations – financial implications

There was submitted a report (issued) of 10 August 2016 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support) advising the committee of the financial implications of members' possible decisions relating to further items on the agenda.

After discussion, the committee

- (1) noted the report in relation to the financial implications of awarding any contracts; and
- (2) agreed to give due consideration to the implications when making decisions on those contracts.

6. Temporary contract awarded

There was submitted a report (issued) of 2 August 2016 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) advising members of a temporary contract procured and awarded, under delegated authority, on behalf of East Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership; and
- (2) informing members that SPT had also agreed to contribute to a new contract introduced by Falkirk Council, an element of which provided coverage in the SPT area.

After discussion and having heard Councillor Harmon thank Mr Scott and his team for their hard work towards the provision of those services, the committee noted the terms of the report.

7. Proposed award of Contract 9609A1 –Arran MyBus Rural

There was submitted a report (issued) of 11 August 2016 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) informing members of the tenders received for the renewal of MyBus Contract 9609A1 – Arran MyBus Rural; and
- (2) recommending the award of an appropriate contract.

Following discussion, specifically in relation to the availability of a competitive market for tendering on island communities and whether best value was genuinely being tested given the limited market, the committee

- (a) agreed to the award of Contract 9609A1 - Arran MyBus Rural to Western Buses at a cost of £249,690 for the contract period from 2 October 2016 to 30 March 2019; and
- (b) noted that the award of the contract was subject to satisfaction of the requirements of the mandatory standstill period for EU advertised public sector contracts.

8. Proposed Amendments to subsidised local bus service contracts

After consideration of a report (issued) of 16 August 2016 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations) detailing changes to subsidised local bus services arising from changed circumstances, the committee

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(1) approved the amendments as detailed below:-

Contract	Amendment
Contract WD039D2 Hairmyres Hospital - East Kilbride - Hamilton - Torr Farm (service 205)	Alteration to the route of service 205 with effect from 7 August 2016 due to safety implications caused by indiscriminate parking. (no additional cost).
Contract W085B Johnstone - Howwood – Lochwinnoch (service 307)	Alteration to the route of service 307 with effect from 31 May 2016, for an estimated period of 5 months to facilitate the construction of a new bridge. (no additional cost).
Contract 5627K Bishopton Local/Bishopton – Erskine (services 520/521)	Contract suspended with effect from 17 July 2016 following McGill's Buses decision to operate those services on a commercial basis.
Contract W048D Johnstone - Bridge of Weir – Linwood (service X6A)	Contract suspended with effect from 17 July 2016 following McGill's Buses decision to operate the service on a commercial basis.
Contract W010C Law - Wishaw - Airdrie/Monklands Hospital (service 248A/B)	Alteration to the route and timetable of service 248A/B with effect from 7 August 2016 to address gaps in the network following commercial service changes. (additional cost of £2,956 per annum)
Contract SW/14/359/2 Newton Stewart - Girvan (service 359) (Dumfries and Galloway Contract)	Alteration to the timetable of service 359 by Dumfries and Galloway Council with effect from 30 May 2016 due to low patronage on part of those journeys. (reduced cost in SPT's contribution of £3,222 per annum)
Contract 9561F Wishaw General Hospital – Holytown (service 248)	Alteration to the route and timetable of service 248 with effect from 7 August 2016 for an estimated period of 4 months to facilitate railway bridge repair works. (additional cost of £5,731per annum)

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Contract W010C Law - Wishaw - Airdrie/Monklands Hospital (service 248A/B)	Alteration to the route and timetable of service 248A/B from 8 August 2016 for an estimated period of 4 months to facilitate railway bridge repair works. . (additional cost of £4,832 per annum)
Contract W008B3 Wishaw Local (Coltness - Wishaw - Netherton) (service 93) Parkside – Cleland – Wishaw – Pather (service 193)	Alteration to the route and timetable of service 193 which operated on Sundays only from 14 August 2016 for an estimated period of 4 months to facilitate railway bridge repair works. (additional cost of £1,704 per annum)
Contract LS083G Rutherglen - Cathkin – Cairns (service 165)	Alteration to the route and timetable of service 165 from 3 August 2016 for an estimated period of 5 months to facilitate Scottish Water improvement works. (no additional cost)
Contract W064A Kirkintilloch – Milngavie (service 47/A)	Alteration to the route and timetable of service 47/A to facilitate through journeys between Milngavie and Cumbernauld with effect from 28 August 2016. (no additional cost)
Contract W021C Croy - Twechar - Kilsyth (service 344/A)	Alteration to the route and timetable of service 344/A with effect from 28 August 2016 to address a gap in service provision due to commercial changes. (additional cost of £5,567)
Contract W097C Shawlands - Clarkston – Silverburn (service 374)	Alteration to the timetable of service 374 with effect from 10 October 2016 to provide enhanced provision within Ashmore Road, Merrylee, on non-school days. (no additional cost)
Contract 6628J Brodick – Corriegills (service 321)	Alteration to the route of service 321 with effect from 25 October 2016 due to the furthest point on the route Corriegills no longer being required. (no additional cost).

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- (2) agreed that Councillor Harmon would write to Transport Scotland in relation to current and proposed works on the Shotts railway line electrification programme and its subsequent impact on public transport within the community including who bore the cost of ensuring bus routes remained available..

9. Request for subsidised local bus services

There was submitted and approved a report (issued) of 16 August 2016 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations) advising members of two requests for the provision of subsidised local bus services and recommending no action in respect of each request.

10. Enhanced DRT funding application: Community Transport Glasgow

After consideration of a report (issued) of 27 August 2016 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations) providing background information in relation to a funding application by Community Transport Glasgow, the committee agreed to the award of grant funding of £105,000.

11. Purchase of vehicles

With reference to the minute of the Strategy & Programmes Committee of 30 January 2015 (page 4, paragraph 8) when that committee had agreed that SPT's fleet replacement criteria be amended so as to permit vehicle renewal at 250,000 miles rather than the previously agreed 300,000 miles, there was submitted a report (issued) of 10 August 2016 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) informing members that, following a review of the current fleet, five vehicles had been identified as approaching the mileage criterion; and
- (2) recommending that five vehicles be purchased via SPT's vehicle purchasing framework.

After consideration, the committee

- (a) agreed to the award of a contract to Optare Group Ltd in the sum of £575,000 for the purchase of five 7.9m Optare Solo buses; and
- (b) noted that Optare Group had indicated that for this and future purchases it was willing to consider trade in arrangements in respect of any Optare Solo vehicles which SPT sought to replace, and such matters would be considered in terms of value for money at the time.

12. Operational Safety and Security: Award of Contract for New CCTV and Access Control System

There was submitted and approved a report (issued) of 27 August 2016 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations) recommending that the committee approve the award of a contract for a new SPT wide CCTV and access control system by accepting the "CCTV option" tender contained within the Rolling Stock, Signalling and Control Systems Manufacturing and Supply Agreement (MSA) between SPT and the Ansaldo STS/Stadler Bussnang AG Joint Venture (JV) at a contract variation value of £3,170,500.00 (excl. VAT).