

Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Minute of Operations Committee

29 June 2012

held in Consort House, Glasgow

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Minute of the meeting of Strathclyde Partnership for Transport Operations Committee held in Consort House, Glasgow on 29 June 2012

Present Councillors Denis McKenna (Chair), Bill Grant, Kaye Harmon, Chris Kelly, Alan Moir, Robert G MacIntyre and George Redmond.

Attending Valerie Davidson, Secretary; Gordon MacLennan, Chief Executive; Eric Stewart, Assistant Chief Executive (Operations); Neil Wylie, Director of Finance & HR and Bryan Tennant, Network and Planning Team Leader.

Also attending Councillors Bobby Lawson, and John Bruce.

1. Apologies

Apologies were submitted from Councillors Malcolm Balfour, David Fagan, Bobby McDill and David Wilson and appointed member Bill Ure.

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 9 March 2012 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

4. Operations Committee – Terms of Reference and key issues

Mr Stewart gave a presentation to the committee which

- (1) informed members of the Operations Committee's remit and role;
- (2) provided information on all areas of the Operations Department including Subway, Bus Projects, Integrated Ticketing, MyBus, School Transport and SPT's Bus Stations and Travel Centres; and
- (3) advised members of various visits which were being organised for all Partnership members, including a visit to the Subway, MyBus Contact Centre and Buchanan and Hamilton Bus Stations.

After considerable discussion and having heard Mr Stewart in answer to members' questions, the committee thanked him for his interesting and informative presentation.

5. Public transport services monitoring report

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 20 June 2012 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 ScotRail services in the SPT area; and

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- (2) providing information on the current status of SPT's five point bus action plan for the continuing improvement of bus service delivery within the region, together with regulating and fleet profile statistics.

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

6. Subsidised local bus service contract recommendations – financial implications

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 21 June 2012 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 noted the report in relation to the financial implications of awarding any contracts and agreed to give due consideration to these implications when making decisions on these contracts.

7. Temporary contracts awarded

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After consideration of a report (issued) of 20 June 2012 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations), the committee noted the temporary contracts which had been awarded as detailed in the appendix to the report, in order that tender prices could be invited for new long term contracts.

8. Proposed award of temporary local subsidised bus service contracts

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 21 June 2012) by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) reminding members of the temporary arrangements which had been put in place following recent changes by First Glasgow to its commercial network in April 2012, in order that tenders could be invited for longer term contracts;
- (2) explaining
 - (a) that in a number of instances the tender prices received for substantive long term contracts were considered excessive and, in order to permit time to test the market again, further temporary prices had been sought; and
 - (b) that in addition, despite several attempts at tendering a number of contracts due for routine renewal in July 2012, the lowest price received had resulted in either substantially increased contract costs or a high subsidy cost per passenger which exceeded the SPT Guideline Criteria;
- (3) providing information on the tenders received for new temporary local subsidised bus contracts in order that SPT could assess the market and prepare tenders for longer term contracts; and
- (4) recommending the award of appropriate contracts.

After considerable discussion on the complexities and weaknesses of the current bus market, the committee agreed

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- (a) to award contract LS05T4 Glasgow City Centre - Mosspark (service 59) to McGill's Bus Services Ltd. at a cost of £962 per week for the contract period 15 July to 29 September 2012;
- (b) to award contract LS80T2 Parkhead - Cambuslang - Carmyle (services 64/164/364) to Henderson Travel at a cost of £2,350 per week for the contract period 15 July to 29 September 2012;
- (c) to award contract W024T1 Carnbroe - Coatbridge - Townhead/Cliftonville (services 77/117) to JJ Travel Ltd at a cost of £1,920 per week for the contract period 15 July to 29 September 2012;
- (d) to award contract W033T2 Duntocher - Gartnavel Hospital/Milngavie - Anniesland (services 118/118A) to Glasgow Citybus Ltd at a cost of £1,350 per week for the contract period 15 July to 29 September 2012;
- (e) to award contract 6951T2 Ayr - Bellsbank (service 352) to Stagecoach Western Buses at a cost of £378 per week for the contract period 15 July to 29 September 2012;
- (f) to award contract LS52T2 Carluke - Lower Braidwood - Lanark (service 48) to Irvine's Coaches at a cost of £474 per week for the contract period 15 July to 29 September 2012;
- (g) to award contract LS86T2 Cumnock - Sorn - Cumnock (service X50) to Stagecoach Western Buses at a cost of £180 per week for the contract period 15 July to 29 September 2012;
- (h) to award contract LS53T2 Sinclairston - Skares - Cumnock (Service 347A) to Coalfield Community Transport at a cost of £462 per week for the contract period 15 July to 29 September 2012;
- (i) to award contract 6941T2 Rankinston - Ayr (service 347) to Smith's Coaches at a cost of £2,399 per week for the contract period 15 July to 29 September 2012;
- (j) to award contract 6942T8 Cumnock - Dalmellington - Bellsbank (service 356) to Smith's Coaches at a cost of £2,695 per week for the contract period 15 July to 29 September 2012;
- (k) to award contract LS87T2 Ayr - Cumnock (service 48) to Stagecoach Western Buses at a cost of £288 per week for the contract period 15 July to 29 September 2012;
- (l) to award contract 4945T Carluke - Law - Hamilton (service 243) to Irvine's Coaches at a cost of £867 per week for the contract period 15 July to 29 September 2012 based on the use of an SPT vehicle, and
- (m) to award contract W032T1 Dumfries - Biggar - Edinburgh (services 100/101/102/103) to MacEwan's Coach Services at a cost of £5,394 per week for the contract period 15 July 2012 to 12 January 2013 and funded as detailed in the report.

9. Award of subsidised local bus service contracts

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 21 June 2012 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

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- (1) providing information on the tenders received for the renewal of subsidised local bus services; and
- (2) recommending the award of appropriate contracts.

After discussion and having heard Mr Stewart in further explanation and Mr Tennant in answer to members' questions, the committee

(a) agreed

(i) to award the following contracts to Henderson Travel which would be apportioned within package 15560 for the contract period 15 July 2012 to 12 July 2014:-

- contract LS083A Rutherglen - Cambuslang - Cairns (service 165 at a cost of £58,640 ; and
- contract W011A Glasgow - Cranhill - Bargeddie (service 213A) at a cost of £264,247;

(ii) to award contract W017C Kirkintilloch – Waterside – Twechar – Banton (service 84/84A/84B) to McColls Coaches Ltd at a cost of £207,000, based on the use of an SPT vehicle, for the contract period 15 July 2012 to 11 July 2015;

(iii) to award contract W022A1 Harthill – Shotts – Wishaw/Ravenscraig Sports Facility (services 365/366/367) to First Glasgow at a cost of £188,928, based on the use of an SPT vehicle, for the contract period 29 July 2012 to 13 July 2015;

(iv) to award contract 6790E Dunure - Ayr - Straiton (service 361) to Stagecoach Western Buses at a cost of £570,772, based on the use of an SPT vehicle, for the contract period 15 July 2012 to 15 July 2015;

(v) to award contract W030 Toryglen - Croftfoot (service 2) and Toryglen - Castlemilk (service 74) to First Glasgow at a cost of £182,393, based on the use of SPT vehicles for the contract period 15 July 2012 to 16 July 2016;

(vi) to award contract W031 (service 29) Newton Means - Mansewood - Hillpark - City Centre to First Glasgow at a cost of £317,339, based on the use of an SPT vehicle for the contract period 15 July 2012 to 16 July 2016; and

(vii) to award a contract to Bluebird Vehicles Ltd via Scotland Excel for the purchase of 7 Bluebird Orion buses at an approximate cost of £80,000 per vehicle; and

(b) noted that formal awards of the above contracts were subject to satisfaction of the requirements of the mandatory standstill period for EU advertised public sector contracts.

10. Renewal of subsidised local bus service contracts

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- (2) recommending the award of appropriate contracts.

After discussion and having heard Mr Stewart in further explanation and Mr Tennant in answer to members' questions, the committee

- (a) agreed

- (i) to award contract 6269K Marchburn - Hayhill - Forehill (service 302) to Stagecoach Western Buses at a cost of £48,665 for the contract period 15 July 2012 to 11 July 2015;
- (ii) to award contract 6603Q Beith - Kilmarnock (service 337) to Shuttle Buses at a cost of £410,170 for the contract period 23 September 2012 to 11 July 2015, subject to a contribution of £24,856 per annum from North Ayrshire Council;
- (iii) to award contract W023 Hamilton - Coatshill/East Kilbride Local (service 230/M1), Bellshill - Strathclyde Business Park (service 299) to First Glasgow at a cost of £77,276, based on the use of SPT vehicles, for the contract period 15 July 2012 to 12 July 2014; and
- (iv) to award contract LS044G East Kilbride - Hamilton - Harthill - Edinburgh (service 904) to Scottish Citylink Coaches at a cost of £34,000 for the contract period 15 July 2012 to 13 July 2013; and

- (b) noted that formal awards of the above contracts were subject to satisfaction of the requirements of the mandatory standstill period for EU advertised public sector contracts.

11. Amendments to subsidised local bus service contracts

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After consideration of a report (issued) of 20 June 2012 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations) detailing changes to subsidised local bus services, the committee noted the amendments as detailed below:-

Contract	Amendment	Cost	Effective date
Contract 2838F Glasgow - Kirkintilloch/ Torrance (Service 72)	Amendment to the route in order to accommodate the servicing of a bus stop on Brookfield Drive Robroyston.	None	7 May 2012
Contract 4427A Wishaw General Hospital - Law - Carluke (service 10)	Revision to the timetable to improve service coordination with the current evening visiting times at Wishaw General Hospital	None	4 June 2012

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Contract	Amendment	Cost	Effective date
Contract 4846M Hamilton - Strathaven - East Kilbride (service 13)	Amendment to the route and timetable to permit Parkview Estate, Eddlewood to be served on a Monday to Saturday evenings, in line with Sunday operations.	None	26 April 2012
Contract 8811B1 Carrick Castle - Lochgoilhead - Arrochar - Helensburgh (service 302)	Revision to the timetable to align provision more closely to actual demand and to enable better train connections.	None	4 June 2012
Contract 9561C Coatbridge – Muirhead – Moodiesburn (service 132)	Amendment to the route and timetable to permit evening servicing of the Mossvale area of Moodiesburn, in line with the current Sunday operation.	None	28 May 2012
Contract LS022C Helensburgh/ Vale of Leven Hospital - Dumbarton - Royal Alexandra Hospital (service 340)	Provision of additional journeys on public holidays. Contract funded by NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde and SPT.	Additional cost of £116 per annum to SPT.	15 July 2012
Contract LS026B Kilsyth Local (service 381)	Continuation of the revised timetable and route which had been operating on a trial basis to permit the connection with the service between Twechar and Croy.	Additional cost of £9,716 per annum.	8 January 2012
Contract LS089 Johnstone Station - Kilmacolm (service 1)	Revision to the timetable to improve connectivity with train arrival at Johnstone station.	None	4 June 2012

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Contract	Amendment	Cost	Effective date
Contract LS097 Old Kilpatrick – Antonine Park – Clydebank (service 184)	Amendment to the route and timetable to allow improved provision between Antonine Park and Clydebank Centre.	None	9 July 2012
Contract 4865B Lanark Interchange – Biggar (service 191)	Revision to the timetable following recent commercial changes to the bus network.	Annual Saving of £19,244 per annum	15 July 2012
Contract 4801R Carnwath - Forth - Braehead (service 137)	Revision to the timetable following recent commercial changes to the bus network.	Annual Saving of £11,530 per annum	15 July 2012
Contract N075 Galston - Kilmarnock (service 332/332A/334)	Revision to the timetable following changes to the bus network	None	2 July 2012

12. Requests for subsidised local bus services

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 20 June 2012 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations) advising members of various requests for the provision of subsidised local bus services.

After consideration and having heard Mr Stewart in answer to members' questions, the committee

- (1) agreed not to take any further action in respect of the local subsidised bus service requests at paragraphs (a) – (h); and
- (2) agreed as follows in respect of the undernoted request:-

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Request

Decision

Provision of a bus service in
Moorfield Estate, Kilmarnock
(Report item i)

Agree to investigate with
East Ayrshire Council
whether Section 75
funding arrangements
which could be used to
fund a subsidised bus
service were stipulated
within the planning
consent for that
development.