

## **Strathclyde Partnership for Transport**

### **Minute of Operations Committee**

**31 May 2013**

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 31 May 2013**

**Present** Councillors Denis McKenna (Chair), Malcolm Balfour, Charlie Gilbert (substitute); Bill Grant, Kaye Harmon, Alan Moir, Robert G MacIntyre, Bobby McDill, George Redmond, David Wilson and Appointed Member Niall McGrogan.

**Attending** Valerie Davidson, Secretary/Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support); Valerie A Bowen, Senior Committee Officer; Gordon MacLennan, Chief Executive; Neil Wylie, Director of Finance and HR and Alex Scott, Bus Services Manager.

**1. Apologies**

Apologies were submitted from Councillors Tony Buchanan, Chris Kelly and Hamish Stewart.

**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**

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The minute of the meeting of 15 March 2013 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

**4. Public transport services monitoring report**

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 22 May 2013 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
- (2) providing information on the current status of SPT's 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 Scott in further explanation, the committee noted the terms of the report.

**5. Subsidised local bus service contract recommendations – financial implications**

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 22 May 2013 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

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

**6. Temporary contracts awarded under delegated powers**

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There was submitted and noted a report (issued) of 21 May 2013 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) appending a list of temporary contracts awarded under delegated powers since the beginning of April 2013;
- (2) explaining that the majority of the awards were as a result of service gaps created by network changes implemented by First Glasgow and McGill's Buses; and
- (3) informing members that tendering processes would continue to ensure that the contracts listed would be replaced on a long term basis.

**7. Proposed award of subsidised local bus service contracts**

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 16 May 2013 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

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

After discussion, the committee

- (a) agreed to the award of the following contracts:-
  - (i) contract W038B Paisley – Hunterhill – Todholm (service 70) to McGill's Buses at a cost of £49,920 for the contract period 14 July 2013 to 16 July 2016; and
  - (ii) contract W043 Paisley – Ferguslie Park – Phoenix Retail Park (service 264) to McGill's Buses at a cost of £31,200 for the contract period 14 July 2013 to 16 July 2016; and
- (b) noted that the award of the contracts was subject to satisfaction of the requirements of the mandatory standstill period for EU advertised public sector contracts.

**8. Proposed renewal of subsidised local bus service contracts**

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 21 May 2013 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) providing information on the tenders received for the renewal of subsidised local bus service contracts; and

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- (2) recommending the award of appropriate contracts.

After discussion, the committee

- (a) agreed to the award of the following contracts:-

- (i) contract 7918F McInroy's Point – Inverclyde Royal Hospital – Greenock (service 545) to McGill's Buses at a cost of £143,700 for the contract period 14 July 2013 to 16 July 2016 and
- (ii) contract W045 Govan – Cardonald, Shawlands – Silverburn, City Centre – Cessnock – Silverburn (services 124, 49, 153 respectively) to Glasgow Citybus at a cost of £248,971 for the contract period 14 July 2013 to 16 July 2016; and

- (b) noted that the award of the contracts was subject to satisfaction of the requirements of the mandatory standstill period for EU advertised public sector contracts.

**9. Amendments to subsidised local bus service contracts**

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After consideration of a report (issued) of 16 May 2013 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations) detailing changes to local bus service contracts, the committee noted the amendments as detailed below:-

<b>Contract</b>	<b>Amendment</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Contract LS074 Shettleston - Gartcosh – Moodiesburn (service 310)	Alteration to the route of service 310 to serve re-located stops on Blacader Drive, Gartloch Village with effect from 13 May 2013	No cost
Contract 4840E1 East Kilbride - Eaglesham – Uplawmoor (service 395/396)	Alteration to the route of service 395/396 to give Lindsayfield residents access to an hourly, Monday to Saturday daytime service with links to East Kilbride town centre and Hairmyers hospital with effect from 26 May 2013	Additional cost of £2,294 per annum
Contract W011A Glasgow - Cranhill - Bargeddie (service 213A)	Contract cancelled with effect from 26 May 2013	-
Contract LS080C Parkhead - Carmyle - Cambuslang - Glasgow (services 64,164,364)	Contract cancelled with effect from 26 May 2013	-
Contract W033 Milngavie – Anniesland (service 118A) Duntocher/Hardgate - Gartnavel (service 118)	Withdrawal of Monday to Friday evening peak, service 118A journey between Duntocher and Anniesland. Also minor alterations to the route, timetable and the renumbering of service 118A to service 15 within contract W033. Changes with effect from 20 May 2013	Saving of £175 per week

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<b>Contract</b>	<b>Amendment</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Contract LS007C Bishopbriggs local (service 142)	Alteration to the timetable of service 142 with effect from 20 May 2013	No cost
Contract 0957H Partick - Gartnavel Hospital (service 83)	Re-numbering of service 83 to 141 with effect from 14 July 2013	No cost
Contract W031 Newton Mearns - Hillpark - Mansewood – Glasgow (service 29)	Minor alteration to the timetable of service 29 with effect from 26 May 2013	No cost
Contract W007A Govan - Mount Florida - Victoria Infirmary – Govanhill (service 121)	Minor alteration to the timetable of service 121 with effect from 26 May 2013	No cost
Contract 0902E Glasgow - Bankhead/Rutherglen (service 7)	Minor alterations to the timetable and renumbering of service 7 to 7A with effect from 26 May 2013	No cost
Contract LS081 Glasgow - Stobhill Hospital (service 3)	Minor alterations to the timetable and renumbering of service 3 to M3 with effect from 26 May 2013	No cost
Contract W030 Toryglen - Croftfoot (service 2) Toryglen – Castlemilk (service 74)	Alteration to the routes of re-numbered service M2 and service 74 with effect from 26 May 2013	Saving of £3,739 per annum
Contract 2876B1 Cumbernauld Local Service (service 343/346)	Contract cancelled with effect from 25 May 2013	-
Contract LS039B Glasgow – Clydebank (service 11)	Contract cancelled with effect from 26 May 2013	-
Contract 0906C Castlemilk - Parkhead - Greenfield (service 46)	Contract cancelled with effect from 26 May 2013	-

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<b>Contract</b>	<b>Amendment</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Contracts 090D/4974D Castlemilk - Parkhead - Greenfield (service 46) Halfway - Cambuslang - East Kilbride (service 172)	Contracts cancelled prior to commencement of services	-
Contract LS087D Ayr – Cumnock (service 48)	Re-numbering of service 48 to 42A with effect from 10 June 2013.	No cost
Contract 6876D Kilwinning – Irvine (service 27) Montgomerie Park - Irvine (service 29)	Contract cancelled with effect from 26 May 2013	-
Contract W032T2 Dumfries/Biggar - Edinburgh (services 100,101,102,103)	Extension to current temporary contract from 30 March 2013 until further notice to allow time to carry out public consultation exercises in relation to the delivery of the services, prior to seeking prices for long term contract	Payment of £9,434 per week continued
Contract 4865B Lanark Interchange - Biggar (service 191)	Amendment of timetables within contract to reinstate previously removed journeys with effect from 4 August 2012	Additional cost of £17,172 per annum
Contract 4801R Carnwath - Lanark - Braehead (services 137)	Amendment of timetables within contract to reinstate previously removed journeys with effect from 4 August 2012	Additional cost of £9,152 per annum

**10. Bus fleet: extended warranty package**

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 22 May 2013 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

(1) reminding members

- (a) that SPT had purchased, over some years, a fleet of buses, now numbering 115, which were provided on a full repairing lease basis to contractors for use on subsidised bus services; and
- (b) that this initiative had not only raised the overall quality of vehicles being used, but had brought also significant revenue budget savings by virtue of reduced contract costs;

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(2) informing members

- (a) that whilst the contracted operators were responsible for routine servicing and maintenance under the terms of the lease agreement, further steps could be taken to ensure reliability and enhance the useful life of the vehicles by a maintenance regime tailored to their particular characteristics;
- (b) that SPT had negotiated an extended warranty package with Bluebird Vehicles – the manufacturer of the majority of the buses so far purchased by SPT – which would offer the following in respect of its Orion vehicles (it being the most current model, and of which SPT had purchased 40) :
  - (i) regular inspection and servicing by Bluebird Vehicles' engineers at 33,000 mile intervals;
  - (ii) replacement of critical components on a predictive maintenance/mileage basis to avoid vehicle unserviceability resulting from their failure;
  - (iii) a 300,000 mile complete Bluebird Vehicles chassis and body warranty;
  - (iv) a report to SPT on the findings of each service visit highlighting, where necessary, any shortcomings in either the maintenance or general care of SPT's vehicles on the part of the contracted operator; and
  - (v) provision of a replacement bus by Bluebird Vehicles to the operator during inspections or scheduled maintenance under the warranty arrangements; and
- (c) that to offer comfort to SPT that obligations under the support package would be fulfilled over the long-term, Bluebird Vehicles had undertaken to provide an imprest stock of all the components required and would assign title to both it and a 'float' vehicle to be used by SPT;

(3) explaining

- (a) that when SPT had purchased 8 Bluebird Orions in March 2013 (as part of the fleet replacement programme approved by the Strategy & Programmes Committee of 1 February 2013) the opportunity had been taken to include the extended warranty package in respect of those 8 buses, at a cost of £11,410 each which, with the base cost of the vehicle, still remained within the £90,000 per vehicle budget allocation identified in the fleet replacement programme;
- (b) that it was proposed to extend this warranty package to the 32 Bluebird Orions already in service with SPT; and
- (c) that the warranty package had been costed to reflect the current mileage of the existing vehicles and would ensure coverage up to 300,000 miles; and

(4) recommending that the committee

- (a) note the purchase of the extended warranty package in respect of the 8 Bluebird Orions recently purchased, at a cost of £91,280; and
- (b) agree the purchase of the extended warranty package from Bluebird Vehicles Ltd for the remaining 32 Orion buses in SPT's ownership, at an approximate cost of £359,107.

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After consideration and having heard Mr Scott in further explanation, the committee approved the recommendations at (4) above.

**11. Requests for subsidised local bus services**

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There was submitted and approved a report (issued) of 21 May 2013 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations) advising members of various requests for the provision of subsidised local bus services and recommending action in respect of each request.

**12. Strategy session**

The Chair reminded members that a workshop to discuss SPT's strategy for the next few years would take place on 21 June 2013 and asked members to respond to the invitation issued by Mrs Davidson in order that arrangements could be finalised.