

Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Minute of Operations Committee meeting

27 June 2008

held at: Consort House, Glasgow

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Minute of the meeting of the Strathclyde Partnership for Transport's Operations Committee held in Consort House, Glasgow, on 27 June 2008

Present Councillors Davie McLachlan (Chair), David Fagan, Kaye Harmon, Tom Hart, William Hendrie, Marie McGurk, Bill McIntosh, Tommy Morrison, Eddie Philips and Alistair Watson and appointed member Bill Ure.

Apologies Councillor David Wilson.

Attending Valerie Davidson, Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support)/Secretary; Gordon Maclennan, Assistant Chief Executive (Operations); Eric Stewart, Director, Bus Operations and Neil Wylie, Director of Finance.

Also Attending John Yellowlees, First Scotrail.

1. Minute of previous minute

The minute of the meeting of the 2 May 2008 (issued) was submitted and approved as a correct record.

2. Public transport services monitoring report

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 12 June 2008 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) informing the committee of the latest trends in the number of passengers carried and the reliability of Scotrail services in the SPT area and services directly operated and supported by the Partnership; and
- (2) providing information on the current status of SPT's six point bus action plan for the continuing improvement of bus service delivery within the region.

After discussion and having heard Mr Stewart in answer to members' questions and advise members

- (a) that a report would be submitted to the next meeting of the Operations Committee outlining the reasons for the decline in patronage on the Gourrock – Kilgreggan ferry; and
- (b) that Inverclyde Council had agreed recently to sign up to SPT's six point bus action plan,

the committee noted the contents of the report.

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3. **Subsidised local bus service recommendations – financial implications**

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 11 June 2008 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support) advising the committee of the financial implications of members' possible decisions relating to the remaining items on the agenda.

After discussion and having heard Mr Wylie inform members' of the current funding position for the subsidised local bus budget for 2008/09, 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

4. **Award of contracts**

After consideration of reports (issued) of 12 and 19 June 2008 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations), the committee agreed to award the undernoted contracts:-

Agenda Item No	Contract	Operator	Contract Amount	Remarks
4. Click here to view report Award of new subsidised local bus service contract	LS013 Townhead – Coatbridge (service 117)	Henderson Travel	£15,600	12 month contract
5. Click here to view report Award of temporary local bus service contracts	3699T Govan-Mount Florida-Victoria Infirmary/City Centre-Bankhead (service 121)	First Glasgow (No 1) Ltd	£5775 per week	3 month contract
	LS016T Coatbridge – Cliftonville – Airdrie (service 111)	Stuart's Coaches Ltd	£250 per day	6 month contract –to operate Saturdays only

5. **Network Enhancement Grant: Greenock to Clydebank**

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With reference to the minute of the Chairs Committee of 26 March 2007 (page 1, paragraph 2) when the committee had agreed to support an application by Scottish Travel to the Scottish Government for funding for service X22 Greenock – Clydebank under the Bus Route Development Grant (BRDG), there was submitted a report (issued) of 12 June 2008 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

(1) reminding members that this Committee had approved previously the implementation of an SPT scheme similar to the BRDG as a result of the Scottish

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Government devolving public transport funding to local authorities, using monies allocated to the partner councils to implement priority proposals;

- (2) advising members that a decision on Scottish Travel's application had been pending when the Scottish Government had devolved its powers; and
- (3) recommending that the committee approve the grant to Scottish Travel in the sum of £230,000 over a three year period to operate the Greenock to Clydebank service as outlined in the report.

After discussion, the committee approved the recommendation at (3) above.

6. Request for subsidised local bus services

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 4 June 2008 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations) advising members of various requests for the provision of subsidised local bus services.

After discussion, the committee agreed to take no further action in respect of the requests as outlined in the report.

7. The Scottish Transport Conference 2008 – Glasgow – 16 September 2008

The committee agreed that the Vice-Chairs together with three other members should attend The Scottish Transport Conference 2008 to be held in Glasgow on 16 September 2008 and that members interested in attending should advise the Secretary.