



### Proposed award of contract 9609A1 - Arran MyBus Rural

**Committee**            Operations

**Date of meeting**    26 August 2016

**Date of report**    11 August 2016

#### Report by Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

##### 1.     **Object of report**

To recommend the Committee approves the award of MyBus contract 9609A1 - Arran MyBus Rural.

*This report affects the North Ayrshire council area.*

##### 2.     **Background**

SPT's MyBus and MyBus Rural services provide accessible door-to-door transport.

The MyBus Rural service was introduced to Arran in September 2010 on a pilot basis and, until now, it has been operated in partnership with the British Red Cross Society.

To enhance journey opportunities on the island, it is proposed to extend the days and hours of operation of the service and tenders have been invited for its delivery.

##### 3.     **Tenders received**

The lowest acceptable price received in respect of contract 9609A1 was an optional tender bid from Western Buses Ltd at a cost of £249,690 for the contract period 2 October 2016 until 30 March 2019, equivalent to £99,876 per annum, based upon use of an SPT bus already allocated within the fleet on the island.

This optional tender will include the incorporation of a school journey between 1430 and 1600 hours.

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## 4. Committee action

The Committee is recommended to agree to the award of contract 9609A1 to Western Buses at a cost of £249,690 for the contract period 2 October 2016 until 30 March 2019.

## 5. Consequences

Policy consequences: *In line with Regional Transport Strategy.*

Legal consequences: *Contract will be awarded subject to SPT's terms and conditions for transport contracts.*

Financial consequences: *The award of contract detailed in the committee paper will result in additional costs of £49,938 to the Subsidised Bus Service budget in 2016/17. This will be partially offset by a saving of £25,033 to the Enhanced DRT budget.*

Personnel consequences: *None.*

Equalities consequences: *Maintains socially necessary bus services.*

Risk consequences: *None.*

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