



Amendments to subsidised local bus service contracts – for noting

Date of meeting 26 January 2024 **Date of report** 8 January 2023

Report by Head of Bus Strategy & Delivery

1. Object of report

To advise the Committee of amendments to subsidised local and MyBus bus service contracts since the last Operations Committee meeting on 3 November 2023.

2. Background to report

It is necessary to adjust subsidised local and MyBus bus service contracts to react to external factors, such as the fluidity of the commercial local bus network or road/traffic management issues to ensure, as far as possible, service continuity to the travelling public.

In addition to the contracts detailed in Appendix 1, SPT continue to adjust a number of others to align their delivery on local and national public holidays with commercial provision.

SPT ensures that all subsidised local bus service contracts are monitored and reviewed on a regular basis, in respect of contract programme and value for money.

3. Outline of proposals

The Committee is recommended to note the amendments to subsidised local bus contracts, in accordance with established corporate governance, financial regulation and contract standing orders.

4. Consequences

Policy consequences	<i>In line with the Regional Transport Strategy and SPT's framework for local bus services.</i>
Legal consequences	<i>All amendments are permitted in terms of the conditions of contract.</i>
Financial consequences	<i>The amendments to contracts detailed in this committee paper will result in reduced costs of £3,838 to SPT in 2023/2024 when compared current projections for these contracts.</i>
Personnel consequences	<i>None directly.</i>
Equalities consequences	<i>The proposals support continued operation of local bus services or, where service changes have resulted in</i>

impacts, mitigate the impact of a reduced commercial local bus services.

Risk consequences

None directly.

Climate Change, Adaptation & Carbon consequences

Supported bus services help reduce transport emissions through encouraging modal shift to more sustainable travel.

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APPENDIX 1

Amendments to subsidised local bus service contracts

Contract	Service No	Description	Operator	Effective date	Remarks	Cost	Local Authority
W065F	1/1A 2/2A X6A/B X7	Kilmacolm - Bridge of Weir - Houston - Linwood – Johnstone - Greenock - Kilmacolm	McGill's Buses	9 Oct 2023	Revised timetable and route of services 1/1A, X6A/B, and the suspension of service 2/2A due to the long-term closure of Main Street, Bridge of Weir to facilitate utility works by Scottish Water, for an estimated period of 2 months. Realigned provision as mitigation.	Cost Neutral.	RC, INV
W130D	147/147A/247	Monklands Hospital - Cumbernauld - Kirkintilloch/Kilsyth	Canavan Travel	22 Oct 2023	Revised Monday to Friday service 247 timetable following the introduction of new commercial provision between Cumbernauld Town Centre and Monklands Hospital.	£2,579.88 reduction per week.	EDC, NLC
4841R	101/S 181	Monklands Hospital - Upperton	ARG Travel	26 Oct 2023	Revised Monday to Friday service 101 timetable following the introduction of new commercial provision between Cumbernauld Town Centre and Monklands Hospital within Thrashbush. Existing Saturday timetable renumbered as 101S.	£98.02 reduction per week.	NLC
4841R	101 181	Monklands Hospital - Upperton	ARG Travel	22 Oct 2023	Contract extension from 13 July 2025 until 11 July 2026. SPT vehicle allocated to contract on a title transfer basis, within the lifetime of the contract.	£1,510.65 per week. £197.18 reduction per week.	NLC

Contract	Service No	Description	Operator	Effective date	Remarks	Cost	Local Authority
W035C	251	Wishaw General Hospital - Larkhall	JMB Travel	19 Nov 2023	Revised timetable subject to evidence of punctuality and reliability performance.	£61.00 reduction per week	NLC, SLC
LS009F	206	Westcliff/Dumbarton - Tullichewan	McColl's Travel	10 Dec 2023	Revised Saturday timetable (as a consequence of a commercial network change by First Glasgow) reducing one Sunday evening journey to address sustainability.	£12.63 reduction per week	WDC