

Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Minute of Operations Committee

13 May 2016

held in 131 St Vincent Street, Glasgow

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Minute of the meeting of Strathclyde Partnership for Transport's Operations Committee held in 131 St Vincent Street, Glasgow, on 13 May 2016

Present Councillors Denis McKenna (Chair), Jonathan Findlay, Bill Grant, Kaye Harmon, Chris Kelly, Robert G MacIntyre, Lawrence O'Neill and David Wilson.

Attending Valerie Davidson, Secretary/Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support); Valerie A Bowen, Senior Committee Officer; Gordon MacLennan, Chief Executive; Eric Stewart, Assistant Chief Executive (Operations); Neil Wylie, Director of Finance and HR and Ronnie Park, Director of Bus Operations.

1. Apologies

Apologies were submitted by Councillors Malcolm Balfour, Alan Moir, and Hamish Stewart and appointed member Graham Johnston.

2. Declaration of interest in terms of the Ethical Standards in Public Life etc (Scotland) Act 2000

Councillor Findlay declared an interest in respect of agenda item no 10 as one of the requests had been submitted by a colleague.

3. Minute of previous meeting

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The minute of the meeting of 11 March 2016 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

4. Monitoring report on public transport services in the SPT area

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There was submitted and noted a report (issued) of 5 May 2016 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, regulating and fleet profile statistics and details of subsidised local bus service vehicle inspections.

Thereon, Mr MacLennan advised members that a meeting among SPT, Transport Scotland, and Argyll & Bute and Inverclyde Councils would take place on 16 May 2016 to discuss the Gourock – Kilcreggan Ferry service.

5. Subsidised local bus service contract recommendations – financial implications

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 28 April 2016 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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- (1) noted the report in relation to the financial implications of awarding any contracts; and
- (2) agreed to give due consideration to the implications when making decisions on those contracts.

6. Temporary contracts awarded

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There was submitted and noted a report (issued) of 28 April 2016 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) appending information on two temporary contracts awarded under delegated authority since the beginning of March 2016 to ensure that gaps in the network arising from commercial market changes were filled; and
- (2) advising members that the tendering process would continue to ensure that the contracts were replaced on a more long term basis.

7. Proposed renewal of subsidised local bus service contract

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 5 May 2016 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) informing members that Stirling Council had invited tenders for the renewal of cross boundary local subsidised bus services C8 and C10, to which SPT contributed based on a pro-rata mileage formula;
- (2) providing information on the tenders received; and
- (3) explaining
 - (a) that Midland Bluebird had submitted the best value bid for the replacement of the current contract for service C10; and
 - (b) that Stirling Council had taken the decision to withdraw service C8 and replace it with a demand responsive service which would service affected areas within its own boundaries.

After discussion and having heard Mr Park in further explanation, the committee

- (i) agreed to an annual contribution of £26,841 to Stirling Council for contract S16/C10a (service C10) for the contract period from 1 August 2016 to 1 August 2020;
- (ii) noted that the award of the contract was subject to satisfaction of the requirements of the mandatory standstill period for EU advertised public sector contracts; and
- (iii) noted the position in relation to service C8.

8. Proposed award of subsidised local bus service contracts

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 28 April 2016 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

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- (1) informing members of the tenders received for the renewal of certain local subsidised bus services;
- (2) providing information on the various options contained in the tender documents; and
- (3) recommending the award of appropriate contracts.

After discussion and having heard Mr Park in further explanation, the committee

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

Contract	Contractor/Amount
Contract 3164M Service 329 Glasgow – Roystonhill – Stobhill Hospital	McGill's Buses, at a cost of £16,640 for the contract period from 17 July 2016 to 15 July 2017
Contract W024F1 Service 77 Carnbroe – Coatbridge – Cliftonville – Monklands Service 117 Townhead – Coatbridge – Cliftonville - Carnbroe	JJ Travel, at a cost of £69,680 for the contract period from 17 July 2016 to 15 July 2017
Contract 9574H (Services M18/M92/850/81/81A Glasgow North west MyBus	McGill's Buses, at a cost £454,226 for the contract period from 29 May 2016 to 7 July 2018; 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 3 May 2016 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations) detailing changes to subsidised local bus services arising from changed circumstances, the committee approved the amendments as detailed below:-

Contract	Amendment
Contract W040A1 Kilmarnock - Southcraigs – Galston (service 332) Kilmarnock - Moorfield Industrial Park (service 333) Kilmarnock - Grange Estate/Southcraigs (service 334)	Alteration to route of service 332 with effect from 18 April 2016 due to closure of westbound carriageway of Bridge Street, Galston (postponed from 25 January 2016) (no additional cost)
Contract 6917F Kilmarnock - Dundonald - Muirhead - Troon (service 110)	Alteration to route of service 110 with effect from 5 January 2016 to facilitate railway bridge repair works extended to 30 April 2016 (no additional cost)

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Contract	Amendment
Contract W023A East Kilbride Local (service M1) Silvertonhill – Coatshill (service 230) Bellshill - Strathclyde Business Park (service 299)	Alteration to route of service 230 with effect from 8 May 2016 due to safety implications caused by indiscriminate parking (no additional cost)
Contracts LS044P/LS044S East Kilbride - Hamilton - Motherwell - Harthill - Edinburgh (service 904)	Alteration to timetable of service 904 with effect from 22 May 2016 (contract LS044P) and 17 July 2016 (contract LS044S) to address running time issues (no additional cost)
Contract 9561F (Coatbridge - Muirhead – Moodiesburn (service 132) Salsburgh - Chapelhall - Monklands Hospital (service 200) Wishaw - Cleland – Holytown (service 248)	Re-numbering of service 200 to 202 with effect from 15 May 2016 due to route similarities with another service provided by the same operator (no additional cost)

10. Request for subsidised local bus services

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 3 May 2016 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations) advising members of various requests for the provision of subsidised local bus services.

After consideration, the committee

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

Request	Decision
To provide a bus service into the grounds of Ayrshire Central Hospital. Irvine to serve the Woodland View development which would take on the majority of wards and outpatient services from Ailsa Hospital, Ayr (report item c)	Since a Transport Impact Assessment was normally required in such circumstances, SPT would pursue NHS Ayrshire & Arran to determine what arrangements it had made for transport provision in the course of the planning process for the relocation of these services to the hospital
To provide a bus service via the new housing development at Dunsmuir Park Estate in Kilmarnock (report item e)	Investigate options for provision of a service, including the use of any funding arrangements stipulated within the planning consent

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11. Scottish Transport Awards 2016

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After consideration of a report (issued) of 3 May 2016 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations) advising members that the Scottish Transport Awards had shortlisted six of SPT's projects, the Committee approved the attendance of three members at the event to be held on 16 June 2016 in the Radisson Hotel, Glasgow.