



Proposed renewal of subsidised local bus services

Committee Operations

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Report by Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

1. **Object of report**

To recommend the Committee approves the award of contracts for the renewal of a number of subsidised local bus services

This paper affects Argyll and Bute, East Ayrshire, East Dunbartonshire, Glasgow City, Inverclyde, North Ayrshire, North Lanarkshire, Renfrewshire, South Lanarkshire and West Dunbartonshire council areas.

2. **Background**

SPT subsidises bus services which are not provided by the commercial market but which are considered socially necessary in accordance with adopted guidelines. A proportion of these contracts are shortly due to expire and tenders have been sought for their renewal.

Operators wishing to bid must submit compliant tenders, but optional prices are also considered, whereby the operator may submit an optional contract specification which offers efficiency savings to SPT. It is also permissible for operators to package contracts where this may provide better value for money.

Tenders were also invited for optional contracts where the vehicle would be provided by SPT. In such circumstances the vehicle(s) would be provided to the operator on a full repairing lease basis for the lifetime of the contract, thereby reducing the ongoing revenue costs.

This report details the results of the tenders received and the recommended action.

Based on recommendations within this report there will be an annual saving of £116,461 to the subsidised bus budget.

3. **Outline of proposals**

Copies of all timetables are available on request.

The Committee is asked to consider the under noted packages of contracts for award:

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(a) North Motherwell – Motherwell Rail Station – Bellshill (service 209)

Dumbarton – Tullichewan/ Haldane (service 206)

Glasgow City Centre – Milton - Stobhill Hospital (service 128)

Glasgow City Centre – Springburn - Stobhill Hospital (service M3)

Glasgow City Centre – Carmunnock – East Kilbride (service 31)

Hairmyres Hospital – East Kilbride Bus Station – Elphinstone Crescent / Coatshill – Blantyre – Hamilton – Silvertonhill / Bellshill – Strathclyde Business Park (services M1/230/299)

Maryhill – Riddrie / Knightswood (service 8/94)

The best value tender price for the above services, operated within contracts 4898Z, LS009D, LS040K, LS081B, LS082C, W023B and W058B was received in the form of optional package 17036, submitted by First Glasgow (No.1). The total package price is £1,001,378 and acceptance of this package will result in an annual saving of £48,853 against the current cost of these contracts, with SPT vehicle utilisation remaining at current levels.

(i) North Motherwell – Motherwell Rail Station - Bellshill (service 209)

Tenders were invited for a replacement of the current contract for service 209, which provides an hourly evening service, daily, between North Motherwell, Motherwell Rail Station and Bellshill.

The cost apportioned to contract 4898Z by First Glasgow, within package 17036, is £104,664 for the contract period 16 July 2017 until 11 July 2020, equivalent to an annual cost of £34,888. The current annual cost to operate this service is £37,964. This award would represent an annual saving of £3,076 against the current cost of this contract.

(ii) Dumbarton – Tullichewan/ Haldane (service 206)

Tenders were invited for a replacement of the current contract for service 206, which provides an hourly, daily, evening service, between Dumbarton and Tullichewan and 3 journeys on Sunday mornings between Haldane, Tullichewan and Westcliff Terminus.

The cost apportioned to contract LS009D by First Glasgow, within package 17036, is £93,087 for the contract period 16 July 2017 until 11 July 2020, equivalent to an annual cost of £31,029. The current annual cost to operate this service is £27,972.

This award would represent an annual increase of £3,057 against the current cost of this contract.

(iii) Glasgow City Centre – Milton - Stobhill Hospital (service 128)

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Tenders were invited for a replacement of the current contract for service 128, which provides an hourly, Monday to Saturday, daytime and evening service, between Glasgow City Centre and Stobhill Hospital via Milton.

The cost apportioned to contract LS040K by First Glasgow, within package 17036, is £257,005 for the contract period 16 July 2017 until 16 July 2022, equivalent to an annual cost of £51,204. The current annual cost to operate this service is £54,554. This award would represent an annual saving of £3,350 against the current cost of this contract.

This contract currently utilises one SPT vehicle, and the optional tender specifies that, at time of its replacement, and, prior to end 2018, it should be replaced through the fleet renewal programme with an Optare Solo or equivalent type vehicle.

(iv) *Glasgow City Centre – Springburn - Stobhill Hospital (service M3)*

Tenders were invited for a replacement of the current contract for service M3, which provides 2 return journeys in the evening, Monday to Saturday, between Glasgow City Centre and Stobhill Hospital via Springburn.

The cost apportioned to contract LS081B by First Glasgow, within package 17036, is £72,195 for the contract period 16 July 2017 until 11 July 2020, equivalent to an annual cost of £24,065. The current annual cost to operate this service is £20,250. This award would represent an annual increase of £3,815 against the current cost of this contract.

(v) *Glasgow City Centre – Carmunnock – East Kilbride Bus Station (service 31)*

Tenders were invited for a replacement of the current contract for service 31, which provides an hourly evening service, Monday to Saturday, between Glasgow City Centre and Carmunnock/East Kilbride Bus Station and an hourly, daytime and evening service, between Glasgow City Centre and East Kilbride via Carmunnock.

The cost apportioned to contract LS082C by First Glasgow, within package 17036, is £217,347 for the contract period 16 July 2017 until 11 July 2020, equivalent to an annual cost of £72,449. The current annual cost to operate this service is £78,995. This award would represent an annual saving of £6,546 against the current cost of this contract. This tender is based on an optional timetable which incorporates minor timetable alterations and a number of commercially operated journey extensions between Glasgow City Centre and Carmunnock.

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- (vi) *Hairmyres Hospital – East Kilbride Bus Station – Elphinstone Crescent (service M1)*

Coatshill – Blantyre – Hamilton – Silvertonhill (service 230)

Bellshill – Strathclyde Business Park (service 299)

Tenders were invited for a replacement of the current contract for services M1, 230 and 299, which provide an hourly daytime service, Monday to Saturday, between Hairmyres Hospital and Elphinstone Crescent, with lunchtime journey curtailed at East Kilbride Bus Station as service M1, a 70 minute frequency daytime service, Monday to Saturday, between Coatshill and Silvertonhill via Hamilton as service 230 and an a.m. and p.m. peak time service, Monday to Friday, between Bellshill and Strathclyde Business Park, as service 299.

The cost apportioned to contract W023B by First Glasgow, within package 17036, is £45,940 for the contract period 16 July 2017 until 16 July 2022, equivalent to an annual cost of £9,153. The current annual cost to operate these services is £17,450. This award would represent an annual saving of £8,297 against the current cost of this contract.

This contract currently utilises two SPT vehicles, and the tenders specifies that, at time of replacement, and prior to end 2018, it should be replaced through the fleet renewal programme with Optare Solos or equivalent type vehicles.

- (vii) *Maryhill – Riddrie / Knightswood (services 8/94)*

Tenders were invited for a replacement of the current contract for services 8 and 94, which provide 3 evening journeys Monday to Saturday and an hourly, daytime and evening service on Sundays, between Maryhill and Riddrie, as service 8 and an hourly daytime service, Monday to Saturday, between Maryhill and Knightswood, as service 94.

The cost apportioned to contract W058B by First Glasgow, within package 17036, is £211,140 for a contract period 16 July 2017 until 16 July 2022, extended through an option from the tendered 3 years, equivalent to an annual cost of £42,066. The current annual cost to operate these services is £76,522. This award would represent an annual saving of £34,456 against the current cost of this contract. This tender is based on an optional timetable which incorporates minor timetable alterations and a commercially operated extension of some journeys between Partick Bus Station and Maryhill Shopping Centre.

Whilst this contract was tendered on the basis of the operator utilising its own vehicles, this tender is based on delivery of the services using one operator vehicle and one SPT vehicle, as it is currently and as such, the existing vehicle will remain with this contract until the time of its replacement, prior to end 2018, when it should be replaced through the fleet renewal programme with an Optare Solo or equivalent type vehicle.

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(b) Antonine Park – Clydebank - Whitecrook (services 184/184A)

Gartnavel Hospital - Clydebank (service 11)

The best value tender price for the above services, operated within contracts LS097N and W057B was received in the form of optional package 17009, submitted by West Coast Motors.

The total package price is £384,046 and acceptance of this package will result in an annual saving of £15,076 against the current cost of these contracts, with an SPT vehicle returned and redeployed to an alternative contract or disposed of.

(i) Antonine Park – Clydebank - Whitecrook (services 184/184A)

Tenders were invited for a replacement of the current contract for services 184/184A which together provide an hourly daytime service, between Antonine Park and Whitecrook.

The cost apportioned to contract LS097N by West Coast Motors, within package 17009, is £241,949 for a contract period 16 July 2017 until 16 July 2022, equivalent to an annual cost of £48,204. The current annual cost to operate these services is £72,239. This award would represent an annual saving of £24,035 against the current cost of this contract.

This contract is currently operated using one SPT vehicle and this will be returned to SPT for redeployment to an alternative contract or disposal.

(ii) Gartnavel Hospital - Clydebank (service 11)

Tenders were invited for a replacement of the current contract for service 11, which provides an hourly evening service, Monday to Saturday and an hourly daytime and evening service on Sundays between Gartnavel Hospital and Clydebank.

The cost apportioned to contract W057B by West Coast Motors, within package 17009, is £142,097 for a contract period 16 July 2017 until 11 July 2020, equivalent to an annual cost of £47,366. The current annual cost to operate this service is £38,407. This award would represent an annual increase of £8,959 against the current cost of this contract.

(c) Carnbroe – Airdrie – Chapelhall/Carnbroe – Coatbridge – Salsburgh (service 16)

Little Earnock/High Earnock/Whitehill – Hamilton Bus Station/Hillhouse (services 226/227/228)

The best value tender price for the above services, operated within contracts 4761G and W061B was received in the form of optional package 17004, submitted by JJ Travel. The total package price is £319,800 and acceptance of this package will result in an annual increase of £7,854 against the current cost of these contracts.

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(i) *Carnbroe – Airdrie – Chapelhall/Carnbroe – Coatbridge – Salsburgh (service 16)*

Tenders were invited for a replacement of the current contract for service 16, which provides an hourly daytime service, Monday to Friday, between Chapelhall and Carnbroe via Airdrie and an hourly daytime service Saturdays, between Salsburgh and Carnbroe via Airdrie and Coatbridge.

The cost apportioned to contract 4761G by JJ Travel, within package 17004, is £226,400 for a contract period 16 July 2017 until 16 July 2022, equivalent to an annual cost of £45,107. The current annual cost to operate this service is £39,500. This award would represent an annual increase of £5,606 against the current cost of this contract.

(ii) *Little Earnock/High Earnock/Whitehill – Hamilton Bus Station/Hillhouse (services 226/227/228)*

Tenders were invited for a replacement of the current contract for services 226, which provides an hourly, evening service daily, between Little Earnock and Hillhouse via Hamilton Bus Station, service 227, which provides an hourly daytime Sunday service between Hamilton Bus Station and Whitehill and service 228, which provides an hourly daytime Sunday service between Hamilton Bus Station and High Earnock.

The cost apportioned to contract W061B by JJ Travel, within package 17004, is £93,400 for the contract period 16 July 2017 until 11 July 2020, equivalent to an annual cost of £31,133. The current annual cost to operate these services is £28,885. This award would represent an annual increase of £2,248 against the current cost of this contract.

(d) Lanark Bus Station - Wanlockhead (services 30/31)

Lanark Bus Station – Crossford - Hamilton (services 317)

The best value tender price for the above services operated within contracts 4953H1 and W074B2 was received in the form of optional package 17039, submitted by Stuart's Coaches. The total package price is £916,860 and acceptance of this package will result in an annual saving of £18,979 against the current cost of these contracts, with 2 SPT vehicles being allocated to the contracts through redeployment of existing vehicles.

(i) *Lanark Bus Station - Wanlockhead (services 30/31)*

Tenders were invited for a replacement of the current contract for services 30 and 31, which together provide daytime journeys, Monday to Saturday, between Wanlockhead and Lanark Bus Station via Thankerton.

The cost apportioned to contract 4953H1 by Stuart's Coaches, within package 17039, is £508,860 for the contract period 16 July 2017 until 16 July 2022, equivalent to an annual cost of £101,382. The current annual cost to operate these services is £108,160. This award would represent an annual saving of £6,778 against the current cost of this contract.

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This tender is based on an optional timetable which largely replicates the current timetable, removing 2 short workings between Lanark and Thankerton and instead providing 2 additional full route peak time journeys.

This contract requires one SPT vehicle which will be accommodated through redeployment of existing vehicles.

(ii) *Lanark Bus Station – Crossford - Hamilton (service 317)*

Tenders were invited for a replacement of the current contract for service 317, which provides a 90-minute daytime and evening service daily, between Lanark Bus Station and Hamilton via Crossford.

The cost apportioned to contract W074B2 by Stuart's Coaches, within package 17039, is £408,000 for the contract period 16 July 2017 until 16 July 2022, equivalent to an annual cost of £81,287. The current annual cost to operate this service is £93,488. This award would represent an annual saving of £12,201 against the current cost of this contract.

This contract requires one SPT vehicle which will be accommodated through redeployment of existing vehicles.

(e) **Kilsyth - Cumbernauld - Airdrie - Monklands Hospital (service 147/A)**

Tenders were invited for a replacement of the current contract for service 147/A, which provides an hourly, evening service Monday to Saturday and an hourly Sunday daytime and evening service on Sundays between Kilsyth and Monklands Hospital via Cumbernauld Town Centre and Airdrie.

The best value tender for contract 2827M was submitted by McGill's Buses at a cost of £237,000 for the contract period 16 July 2017 until 11 July 2020, equivalent to an annual cost of £79,000, utilising the operators own vehicles. The current annual cost to operate this service is £69,623, utilising two SPT vehicles.

Based on the above, it is recommended that contract 2827M should be awarded to McGills Buses at a cost of £237,000. This award would represent an annual increase of £9,377 against the current cost of this contract.

The SPT vehicles currently allocated to this contract will be redeployed to alternative contracts or disposed of.

(f) **Glasgow - Kirkintilloch/Torrance (service 72)**

Moodiesburn - Kirkintilloch (service 178)

Tenders were invited for a replacement of the current contract for services 72 and 178, which provide an hourly, daytime service, Monday to Saturday, between Glasgow City Centre and Kirkintilloch via Robroyston and Lenzie, with early evening extensions to Torrance as service 72, and an hourly, daytime service Monday to Saturday, between Moodiesburn and Kirkintilloch via Lenzie, as service 178.

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The process of contract renewal presents an opportunity for comprehensive analysis of service delivery and in the case of service 72, timetable reliability issues were identified. Subsequently the route of the service within Robroyston has been altered to help resolve these concerns.

The best value tender for contract 2838J1 was submitted by McGill's Buses at a cost of £587,910 for the contract period 16 July 2017 until 16 July 2022, equivalent to an annual cost of £117,131 and is based on the use of SPT vehicles as at present. The current annual cost to operate these services is £111,453.

Based on the above, it is recommended that contract 2838J1 should be awarded to McGill's Buses at a cost of £587,910. This award would represent an annual increase of £5,678 against the current cost of this contract.

(g) Glasgow - Roystonhill - Stobhill Hospital (service 329)

Tenders were invited for a replacement of the current contract for service 329, which provides an hourly, daytime service, Saturday and Sunday between Glasgow City Centre and Stobhill Hospital via Roystonhill.

The best value tender for contract 3164P was submitted by McGill's Buses at a cost of £49,920 for the contract period 16 July 2017 until 11 July 2020, equivalent to an annual cost of £16,640, which is equivalent to the current annual cost to operate this service.

Based on the above, it is recommended that contract 3164P should be awarded to McGill's Buses at a cost of £49,920. This award would be cost neutral.

(h) Carnwath - Lanark - Forth - Braehead (service 137)

Tenders were invited for a replacement of the current contract for service 137, which provides a 90 minute, evening service, Monday to Saturday, and a two hourly, daytime and evening, Sunday service between Carnwath and Braehead via Lanark and Forth.

The best value tender for contract 4801U was submitted by JMB Travel at a cost of £177,000 for the contract period 16 July 2017 until 11 July 2020, equivalent to an annual cost of £59,000. The current annual cost to operate this service is £61,806.

Based on the above, it is recommended that contract 4801U should be awarded to JMB Travel at a cost of £177,000. The award of this contract would represent an annual saving of £2,806 against the current cost of this contract.

(i) Lanark - Biggar (service 191)

Tenders were invited for a replacement of the current contract for service 191, which provides an hourly, morning and evening service, Monday to Saturday and an hourly, Sunday service between Lanark and Biggar via Symington.

The best value tender for contract 4865D was submitted by JMB Travel at a cost of £210,000 for the contract period 16 July 2017 until 11 July 2020, equivalent to an annual cost of £70,000. The current annual cost to operate this service is £74,880.

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Based on the above, it is recommended that contract 4865D should be awarded to JMB Travel at a cost of £210,000. The award of this contract would represent an annual saving of £4,880 against the current cost of this contract.

(j) Royal Alexandra Hospital - Paisley (service 60)

Tenders were invited for a replacement of the current contract for service 60, which provides a late evening service, Monday to Saturday, and a half hourly, evening Sunday service, between the Royal Alexandra Hospital and Paisley.

McGill's Buses were the sole bidder, for contract 5645S, with a tender price of £22,194, for the contract period 16 July 2017 until 11 July 2020, equivalent to an annual cost of £7,398. The current annual cost to operate this service is £10,224.

Based on the above, it is recommended that contract 5645S should be awarded to McGill's Buses at a cost of £22,194. This would represent an annual saving of £2,826 against the current cost of this contract.

(k) Millport Pier - Cumbrae Slip (service 320)

Tenders were invited for a replacement of the current contract for service 320, which provides a late evening return journey on Fridays, during the recognised summer periods, and a Monday to Saturday evening and all day Sunday service during the recognised winter period, between Millport Pier and Cumbrae slip.

Millport Motors were the sole bidder, for contract 6801K, with a tender price of £126,000, for the contract period 16 July 2017 until 16 July 2022, equivalent to an annual cost of £25,103. The current annual cost to operate this service is £23,029.

Based on the above, it is recommended that contract 6801K should be awarded to Millport Motors at a cost of £126,000. This would represent an annual increase of £2,074 against the current cost of this contract.

(l) Kilbirnie - Beith (service 32)

Irvine - Kilwinning - Dalry - Beith (service 125)

Tenders were invited for a replacement of the current contract for services 32 and 125, which provide an hourly, daytime service Monday to Saturday between Kilbirnie and Beith via Glengarnock, as service 32, and an early morning, hourly evening and all day Sunday service between Irvine and Beith via Kilwinning and Dalry, as service 125.

Analysis of journey patterns prior to tendering identified that there were no passengers using the first journey on service 125, between Irvine and Dalry and so this section of the route has been removed.

The best value tender, for contract LS060D, was submitted by Shuttle Buses at a cost of £313,638 for the contract period 16 July 2017 until 13 July 2019, equivalent to an annual cost of £156,819 which is equivalent to the current cost to operate these services.

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Based on the above, it is recommended that contract LS060D should be awarded to Shuttle Buses at a cost of £313,638. This award would be cost neutral.

(m) Alexandria - Luss (service 305)

Alexandria – Helensburgh (service 306)

Old Bonhill/Alexandria - Balmaha (service 309)

Tenders were invited for a replacement of the current contract for services 305,306 and 309, which provide a daily daytime service between Alexandria and Luss via Balloch as service 305, and a daily daytime service between Alexandria and Helensburgh as service 306 and also a daily, daytime and evening service between Old Bonhill/Alexandria and Balmaha as service 309.

The best value tender, for contract W012B was submitted by Garelochhead Coaches at a cost of £505,000 for the contract period 16 July 2017 until 11 July 2020, equivalent to an annual cost of £168,333. The current annual cost to operate these services is £175,966. This award would represent an annual saving of £7,633, against the current cost of this contract.

As a consequence of the cross boundary nature of this contract, funding is currently apportioned between SPT (86.04%) and Stirling Council (13.96%). These proportions will remain unchanged and so at the point of contract renewal, allocation of the annual cost of contract W012B will be SPT, £144,834 (86.04%) and Stirling Council £23,500 (13.96%).

Based on the above, it is recommended that contract W012B should be awarded to Garelochhead Coaches at a cost of £505,000. This would represent an annual saving of £6,567 against the current cost of this contract.

Award of this contract is subject to approval by Stirling Council.

(n) Carnbroe - Coatbridge - Cliftonville - Monklands Hospital (service 77)

Townhead - Coatbridge - Cliftonville - Monklands Hospital - Carnbroe (service 117)

Tenders were invited for a replacement of the current contract for services 77 and 117, which provide an hourly, daytime service Monday to Friday between Carnbroe and Monklands Hospital via Coatbridge and Cliftonville as service 77, and an evening service Monday to Saturday between Townhead and Carnbroe via Coatbridge, Cliftonville and Monklands Hospital, morning and early evening service on Saturdays and a half hourly, daytime service Sundays between Townhead and Coatbridge as service 117.

The best value tender, for contract W024G was submitted by JJ Travel at a cost of £215,312 for the contract period 16 July 2017 until 18 July 2020, equivalent to an annual cost of £71,314. The current annual cost to operate these services is £69,680.

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Based on the above, it is recommended that contract W024G should be awarded to JJ Travel at a cost of £215,312. This would represent an annual increase of £1,634 against the current cost of these contracts.

(o) Kilmarnock - Galston (service 332)

Kilmarnock - Moorfield Industrial Park (service 333) Kilmarnock - Grange Estate/Southcraigs (service 334)

Tenders were invited for a replacement of the current contract for services 332,333 and 334, which provide a daytime service Monday to Saturday between Kilmarnock town centre and Galston via Southcraigs as service 332, peak time service Monday to Friday between Kilmarnock and Moorfield Industrial Park as service 333 and a daytime Monday to Saturday service between Kilmarnock town centre and the Grange Estate, with a Monday to Friday am and pm peak hour extension to Southcraigs as service 334,

The best value tender, for contract W040B was submitted by Western Buses at a cost of £256,056 for the contract period 16 July 2017 until 11 July 2020, equivalent to an annual cost of £85,352. The current annual cost to operate these services is £84,942.

Based on the above, it is recommended that contract W040B should be awarded to Western Buses at a cost of £256,056. This would represent an annual increase of £410 against the current cost of this contract.

(p) Greenock - Wemyss Bay - Largs (services 576, 578)

Tenders were invited for a replacement of the current contract for services 576 and 578, which provide an evening service, daily, between Greenock and Largs, via Wemyss Bay.

The process of contract renewals offers the opportunity for comprehensive analysis of the services and their patronage. As a result, the timetables were streamlined to consolidate journeys on service 578 and to remove the last Sunday evening journey between Largs and Greenock, on service 576.

McGill's Buses were the sole bidder, for contract W060B1, with a tender price of £70,000, for the contract period 16 July 2017 until 13 July 2019, equivalent to an annual cost of £35,000. The current annual cost to operate these services is £37,162.

Based on the above, it is recommended that contract W060B1 should be awarded to McGill's Buses at a cost of £70,000. This would represent an annual saving of £2,162 against the current cost of this contract.

(q) Milngavie - Torrance - Kirkintilloch (service 47/A)

Tenders were invited for a replacement of the current contract for service 47/A, which provides an hourly, daytime service Monday to Saturday between Milngavie and Kirkintilloch via Torrance, with journeys operating via Hillfoot as service 47A.

The process of contract renewal presents an opportunity for comprehensive analysis of service delivery and passenger usage levels.

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As a result, the timetables were streamlined to remove the last journey, Monday to Saturday, between Milngavie and Kirkintilloch, on service 47/A.

The best value tender, for contract W064B was submitted by McColl's Travel at a cost of £305,000 for the contract period 16 July 2017 until 16 July 2022, equivalent to an annual cost of £60,766. The current annual cost to operate this service is £69,287.

Based on the above, it is recommended that contract W064B should be awarded to McColl's Travel at a cost of £305,000. This would represent an annual saving of £8,521 against the current cost of this contract.

This contract is currently operated using one SPT vehicle and this will be returned to SPT and redeployed to an alternative contract or disposed of.

**(r) Kilmacolm - Quarriers Village - Bridge of Weir - Johnstone (service X7A)
Kilmacolm - Greenock (service 530)**

Tenders were invited for a replacement of the current contract for services X7A and 530, which provides a daytime service, Monday to Saturday between Kilmacolm and Johnstone via Quarriers Village and Bridge of Weir as service X7A, and an hourly, Monday to Saturday evening and Sunday service between Kilmacolm and Greenock as service 530.

The process of contract renewals offers the opportunity for comprehensive analysis of the services and their patronage. As a result, the timetables were streamlined to consolidate journeys on service X7a and to remove an early morning return journey, Monday to Saturday between Bridge of Weir and Johnstone, on service X7a.

The best value tender, for contract W065B4 was submitted by McGill's Buses at a cost of £205,175 for the contract period 16 July 2017 until 16 July 2022, equivalent to an annual cost of £40,878, utilising one SPT vehicle. The current annual cost to operate these services is £52,903, utilising the operators own vehicle.

Based on the above, it is recommended that contract W065B4 should be awarded to McGill's Buses at a cost of £205,175. This would represent an annual saving of £12,025 against the current cost of this contract.

This contract requires one SPT vehicle which will be accommodated through redeployment of existing vehicles.

(s) Lomond Shores - Rosshead - Bonhill (service 207)

Tenders were invited for a replacement of the current contract for service 207, which provides an hourly Monday to Saturday daytime service between Lomond Shores and Bonhill, via Balloch, Rosshead and Alexandria.

The best value tender, for contract W066D was submitted by Garelochhead Coaches at a cost of £75,000 for the contract period 16 July 2017 until 16 July 2022, equivalent to an annual cost of £14,943, utilising the operators own vehicle. The current annual cost to operate this service is £18,061, utilising one SPT vehicle.

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Based on the above, it is recommended that contract W066D should be awarded to Garelochhead Coaches at a cost of £75,000. This would represent an annual saving of £3,119 against the current cost of this contract.

This contract is currently operated using one SPT vehicle and this will be returned to SPT and redeployed to an alternative contract or disposed of.

**(t) Lanark Local (service 135)
Lanark - Crossford (service 317B)**

Tenders were invited for a replacement of the current contract for service 135, which provides a daily, daytime service between Lanark Interchange and New Lanark/The Marches as service 135 and an evening peak journey, Monday to Friday, between Lanark and Crossford as service 317B.

The best value tender for contract W071A was submitted by McGill's Buses at a cost of £112,311 for the contract period 16 July 2017 until 11 July 2020, equivalent to an annual cost of £37,437. The current annual cost to operate this service is £37,548.

Based on the above, it is recommended that contract W071A should be awarded to McGill's Buses at a cost of £112,311. This would represent an annual saving of £111 against the current cost of this contract.

(u) Carluke Local/Lower Braidwood (service 247A/B)

Tenders were invited for a replacement of the current contract for service 47A/B, which provide a half hourly, daytime service Monday to Saturday within Carluke town centre, with two hourly extensions to Lower Braidwood as service 47B.

In order to avoid service number duplication, the service number of this route has been altered from 47A/B to 247A/B.

The best value tender, for contract W072A was submitted by McGill's Buses at a cost of £57,120 for the contract period 16 July 2017 until 11 July 2020, equivalent to an annual cost of £19,040. The current annual cost to operate this service is £31,116.

Based on the above, it is recommended that contract W072A should be awarded to McGill's Buses at a cost of £57,120. This would represent an annual saving of £12,076 against the current cost of this contract.

(v) Stonehouse - Strathaven (service 254)

Tenders were invited for a replacement of the current contract for service 254, which provides an hourly, daytime service, Monday to Saturday between Stonehouse and Strathaven.

The best value tender, for contract W075E1 was submitted by Whitelaw's Coaches at a cost of £46,000 for the contract period 16 July 2017 until 14 July 2018, this being an equivalent annual cost to that currently. This is an optional tender which stipulates that specified journeys will be incorporated within the timetable of commercial service 254, thereby duplicating current contractual arrangements.

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The option also specifies use of the operator's own fare-scale and that a Saturday service will operate between 27 December 2017 and 31 December 2017 inclusive. The current annual cost to operate this service is £44,200.

Based on the above, it is recommended that contract W075E1 should be awarded to Whitelaw's Coaches at a cost of £46,000. This would represent an annual increase of £1,800 against the current cost of this contract.

**(w) Carluke - Law - Wishaw General Hospital (service 10/A/X)
Carluke - Law - Hamilton (service 243)**

Tenders were invited for a replacement of the current contract for services 10/A/X and 243, which provide an early morning journey, Monday to Friday between Law and Wishaw General Hospital, an hourly, evening service Monday to Saturday and all day Sunday service between Carluke and Wishaw General Hospital via Law as service 10/A/X, and an hourly, daytime service, Monday to Saturday between Carluke and Hamilton via Law as service 243.

The best value tender for contract W077A was submitted by McGill's Buses at a cost of £389,985 for the contract period 16 July 2017 until 16 July 2022, equivalent to an annual cost of £77,698, utilising one SPT vehicle. The current annual cost to operate these services is £83,920, utilising one SPT vehicle.

Based on the above, it is recommended that contract W077A should be awarded to McGill's Buses at a cost of £389,985. This would represent an annual saving of £6,222 against the current cost of this contract.

4. Committee action

The Committee is recommended to agree to:

- (a) the award of optional package 17036 containing contracts 4898Z (service 209), LS009D (service 206), LS040K (service 128), LS081B (service M3), LS082C (service 31), W023B (services M1/230/299) and W058B (services 8/94) to First Glasgow (No.1) at a cost of £1,001,378 for the contract periods 16 July 2017 until 11 July 2020, or until 16 July 2022, utilising four SPT vehicles;
- (b) the award of optional package 17009 containing contracts LS097N (services 84/184A and W057B (service 11) to West Coast Motors at a cost of £384,046 for the contract periods 16 July 2017 until 11 July 2020 and until 16 July 2022;
- (c) the award of optional package 17004 containing contracts 4761G (service 16) and W061B (services 226/227/228) to JJ Travel at a cost of £319,800 for the contract periods 16 July 2017 until 11 July 2020 and until 16 July 2022;
- (d) the award of optional package 17039 containing contracts 4953H1 (service 30/31) and W074B2 (service 317) to Stuart's Coaches at a cost of £916,860 for the contract period 16 July 2017 until 16 July 2022, utilising 2 SPT vehicles;
- (e) the award of contract 2827M (service 147/A) to McGill's Buses at a cost of £237,000, for the contract period 16 July 2017 until 11 July 2020;

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- (f) the award of contract 2838J1 (services 72 and 178) to McGill's Buses at a cost of £587,910, for the contract period 16 July 2017 until 16 July 2022;
 - (g) the award of contract 3164P (service 329) to McGill's Buses at a cost of £49,920 for the contract period 16 July 2017 until 11 July 2020;
 - (h) the award of contract 4801U (service 137) to JMB Travel at a cost of £177,000 for the contract period 16 July 2017 until 11 July 2020;
 - (i) the award of contract 4865D (service 191) to JMB Travel at a cost of £210,000 for the contract period 16 July 2017 until 11 July 2020;
 - (j) the award of contract 5645S (service 60) to McGill's Buses at a cost of £22,194 for the contract period 16 July 2017 until 11 July 2020;
 - (k) the award of contract 6801K (service 320) to Millport Motors at a cost of £126,000 for the contract period 16 July 2017 until 16 July 2022;
 - (l) the award of contract LS060D (services 32 and 125) to Shuttle Buses at a cost of £313,638 for the contract period 16 July 2017 until 13 July 2019;
 - (m) the award of contract W012B (services 305,306 and 309) to Garelochhead Coaches at a cost of £505,00 for the contract period 16 July 2017 until 11 July 2020, subject to agreement by Stirling Council Council in respect of its contribution;
 - (n) the award of contract W024G (services 77 and 177) to JJ Travel at a cost of £215,312 for the contract period 16 July 2017 until 18 July 2020;
 - (o) the award of contract W040B (services 332,333 and 334) to Western Buses at a cost of £256,056 for the contract period 16 July 2017 until 11 July 2020;
 - (p) the award of contract W060B1(services 576 and 578) to McGill's Buses at a cost of £70,000 for the contract period 16 July 2017 until 13 July 2019;
 - (q) the award of contract W064B (service 47/A) to McColl's Travel at a cost of £305,000 for the contract period 16 July 2017 until 16 July 2022;
 - (r) the award of contract W065B4 (services X7A and 530) to McGill's Buses at a cost of £205,175 for the contract period 16 July 2017 until 16 July 2022;
 - (s) the award of contract W066D (service 207) to Garelochhead Coaches at a cost of £75,000 for the contract period 16 July 2017 until 16 July 2022;
 - (t) the award of contract W071A (services 135 and 317B) to McGill's Buses at a cost of £112,311 for the contract period 16 July 2017 until 11 July 2020;
 - (u) the award of contract W072A (service 247A/B) to McGill's Buses at a cost of £57,120 for the contract period 16 July 2017 until 11 July 2020;
 - (v) the award of contract W075E1(service 254) to Whitelaw's Coaches at a cost of £46,000 for the contract period 16 July 2017 until 14 July 2018;
- and

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- (w) the award of contract W077A (services 10/A/X and 243) to McGill's Buses at a cost of £389,985 for the contract period 16 July 2017 until 16 July 2022.

5. Consequences

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

Legal consequences: *All contracts will be awarded subject to SPT's terms and conditions for transport contracts and where applicable, bus lease agreements.*

Financial consequences: *The renewal of the contracts detailed in the committee paper will result in savings of £83,183 in 2017/18.*

Personnel consequences: *None*

Equalities consequences: *Seeks to reduce the incidence of social exclusion by supporting socially necessary services.*

Risk consequences: *None.*

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