

Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Minute of Operations Committee meeting

20 January 2012

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 20 January 2012

- Present** Councillors Denis McKenna (Chair), Gilbert Davidson, Bill Grant, David Fagan, Jonathan Findlay, William Hendrie, Alan Moir, John Murray (substitute), Bill Perrie and David Wilson and appointed members Tom Hart and Bill Ure.
- Attending** Valerie Davidson, Secretary; Gordon MacIennan, Chief Executive; Eric Stewart, Assistant Chief Executive (Operations); Neil Wylie, Director of Finance & HR and Bryan Tennant, Network and Planning Team Leader.
- Also Attending** Councillors Duncan MacIntyre and Al Reay, Argyll and Bute Council and John McLaughlin, Glasgow City Council.

1. Apologies

Apologies were submitted from Councillors Harry Curran, Bobby McDill and Chris Thomson.

2. Declaration of interest

The committee noted that there were no declarations of interest.

3. Minute of previous meeting

The minute of the meeting of 4 November 2011 (issued) was submitted and approved as a correct record.

4. Public transport services monitoring report

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 11 January 2012 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 five point bus action plan for the continuing improvement of bus service delivery within the region, together with regulating and fleet profile statistics.

After discussion and having heard Mr Stewart in answer to members' questions the committee noted the contents of the report.

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5. Subsidised local bus service contract recommendations – financial implications

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 13 January 2012 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 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.

6. Homologation of subsidised local bus service contracts

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 10 January 2012 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations) advising of action which had been taken by SPT in order to maintain socially necessary services as a result of recent service withdrawals.

After discussion and having heard Mr Stewart in further explanation and in answer to members' questions, the committee noted the award of the following temporary contracts, in order that tender prices could be invited for new long term contracts:-

- (1) contract LS05T2 Mosspark - Glasgow (service 59) to First Glasgow (No 1) at a cost of £1,100 per week from 8 January to 14 April 2012;
- (2) contract LS88T3 Hamilton – Coatshill/East Kilbride local (services M1 & 230) to First Glasgow (No 2) at a cost of £300 per week from 8 January to 14 April 2012;
- (3) contract W010T3 Wishaw – Airdrie (service 248) to First Glasgow (No 2) at a cost of £1,759 per week from 8 January to 14 April 2012;
- (4) contract W017T Banton – Twechar – Waterside – Kirkintilloch (services 84, 84A & 84B) to First Glasgow (No 2) at a cost of £1,700 per week from 8 January to 14 April 2012;
- (5) contract W018T1 Cliftonville – Coatbridge – Carnbroe (service 77) to First Glasgow (No 2) at a cost of £470 per week from 8 January to 14 April 2012;
- (6) contract W020T Cliftonville – Coatbridge Town Centre (service 212) to Stagecoach Glasgow at a cost of £1,614 per week from 15 December 2011 to 24 December 2012;
- (7) contract W019T Hamilton – Hillhouse/Little Earnock (service 226) to Henderson Travel at a cost of £485 per week from 8 January to 14 April 2012; and
- (8) contract W022T Hamilton – Shotts – Wishaw Hospital – Ravenraig Sports Facility (services 365, 366 & 367) to Stuart's Coaches at a cost of £3,559 per week from 8 January to 14 April 2012.

7. Croy and Kilsyth area local bus services

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 12 January 2012 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations) detailing a number of temporary contracts which had been awarded and various amendments to a number of existing contracts in the Croy and Kilsyth areas.

After considerable discussion and having heard Mr Tennant provide further detail on each service, the committee noted

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- (a) that contract 9603A Croy Station - Blackwood/Carrickstone/Cumbernauld/Kilsyth (services 344, 348 & 403) operated by Henderson Travel would include services 344/A, 348, 349 and 403 until 13 July 2013, thereby optimising use of the vehicle resources;
- (b) that contract W021T Croy Station Blackwood/Carrickstone/Cumbernauld/Kilsyth (services 344, 348 & 403) had been awarded to Henderson Travel at a cost of £1,570 per week from 8 January 2012 until 14 April 2012;
- (c) that the timetable of contract LS026B Kilsyth – Balmalloch (service 381) had been amended as detailed in the report with effect from 8 January 2012;
- (d) that contract LS69T1 Croy Station – Twechar – Kilsyth (services 344/344A) had been extended as detailed in the report to operate until 7 January 2012;
- (e) that contract LS70T2 Croy Station – Balloch – Carrickstone – Cumbernauld (service 348/403) had been extended as detailed in the report to operate until 7 January 2012;
- (f) that contract LS75T1 Croy Station Balloch – Carrickstone – Cumbernauld (service 403) had been extended as detailed in the report to operate until 7 January 2012; and
- (g) that contract LS77T1 Croy Station – Twechar – Kilsyth (service 345) had been extended to operate until 7 January 2012.

8. Renewal of subsidised local bus service contracts

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After consideration of a report (issued) of 10 January 2012 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations) on tenders received for renewal of subsidised local bus service contracts, the committee

(1) agreed

(a) to the award of the undernoted contracts:-

Contract	Operator	Contract amount	Decision
Contract 0915B Toryglen – Croftfoot (service 2)	First Glasgow	£7,573	Accept. Lowest tender. Contract period 15 July 2012 to 13 July 2013.
Contract 0917A Glasgow – Bridgeton (service 65)	First Glasgow	£204,000	Accept. Optional tender. Contract period 15 July 2012 to 11 July 2015.

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Contract 0950D Maryhill – Riddrie (service 8)	First Glasgow	£70,956	Accept. Lowest tender. Contract period 15 July 2012 to 12 July 2014.
Contract 2876B1 Cumbernauld local services (services 343 & 346)	First Glasgow	£149,998	Accept. Lowest tender, based on the vehicle being supplied by SPT. Contract period 15 July 2012 to 11 July 2015.
Contract 3164E Glasgow City Centre – Stobhill Hospital (service 329)	Henderson Travel	£229,251	Accept. Lowest tender. Contract period 15 July 2012 to 12 July 2014.
Contract 5627F Bishopton Local – Bishopton – Erskine (services 520 & 521)	Dickson of Erskine	£225,000	Accept. Next lowest tender, following withdrawal of the lowest tender bid. Contract period 15 July 2012 to 11 July 2015.
Contract 8812D Helensburgh – Garelochhead – Coulport (service 316)	Garelochhead Minibuses & Coaches Ltd	£40,215	Accept. Sole tender. Contract period 15 July 2012 to 11 July 2015.
Contract LS018A Glasgow City Centre – Silverburn Bus Station (service 153)	First Glasgow	£37,913	Accept. Lowest tender. Contract period 15 July 2012 to 13 July 2013.
Contract LS022C Helensburgh/Vale of Leven – Royal Alexandra Hospital (service 340)	Wilson of Rhu Ltd	£176,637	Accept. Optional tender. Funded by SPT and NHS as detailed in the report. Contract period 15 July 2012 to 13 July 2015.
Contract W007A Govan – Victoria Infirmary (service 121)	First Glasgow	£250,442	Accept. Lowest tender, based on the vehicle being supplied by SPT. Contract period 15 July 2012 to 11 July 2015.

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Contract W008A Cleland – Wishaw/ Wishaw local (service 93/193)	First Glasgow	£163,113	Accept. Lowest tender, based on the vehicle being supplied by SPT. Contract period 15 July 2012 to 11 July 2015.
Contract W009 Townhead – Coatbridge (service 17)	First Glasgow	£42,261	Accept. Lowest tender. Contract period 15 July 2012 to 12 July 2014.
Contract W011 City Centre – Queenslie/Bargeddie (services 213 & 213A)	Henderson Travel	£313,893	Accept. Lowest tender. Contract period 15 July 2012 to 11 July 2015.
Contract W012 Alexandria – Luss, Alexandria – Helensburgh, Old Bonhill/Alexandria – Balmaha (services 305,306 & 309)	Loch Lomond Bus Service Ltd	£933,300	Accept. Lowest tender. Funded by SPT and Stirling Council as detailed in the report. Contract period 15 July 2012 to 15 July 2017.

- (b) to the award of a contract to Bluebird Vehicles Ltd via Scotland Excel for the purchase of two Bluebird Orion buses at an approximate cost of £160,000; and
- (2) noted that formal award of the contracts were subject to satisfaction of the requirements of the mandatory standstill period for public sector contracts.

9. **Proposed renewal of Contract 1923C1 Gourock – Kilcreggan ferry service**

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 6 January 2012 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) outlining the background to the provision of the Gourock – Kilcreggan - Helensburgh subsidised ferry service, operated by Clyde Marine, which was due for renewal on 1 April 2012;
- (2) providing information on the tendering process for the renewal of the service which had been based around the requirements of the core users, operating between Gourock – Kilcreggan on Monday to Saturday, with operators being invited to consider an innovative approach to the tender by identifying any opportunities for additional revenue in an effort to reduce the overall contract cost; and
- (3) informing members
 - (a) that although the lowest price for the sole tenderer, Clyde Marine Motoring Ltd, was £1,796,816 for the contract operating period 1 April 2012 - 1 April 2017, it was felt that the removal of the Sunday sailings and the link to

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Helensburgh, both of which had proved to be extremely lightly used, was not sufficiently reflected in that tender price; and

- (b) that a decision had been taken to test the market further by re-advertising the contract;
- (4) explaining that based on further detailed surveys undertaken, tenders had been invited for the same timetable as before and operators were again encouraged to include options for additional days and destinations, but with the seating capacity of the vessel now reduced from 90 to 60; and
- (5) recommending that following re-advertisement of the service, contract 1923C1 Gourock – Kilcreggan ferry service be awarded to Clydelink Ltd at a cost of £874,760 for the contract period 1 April 2012 to 1 April 2017, based on the provision of a new build 60 seat vessel.

After considerable discussion and having heard Councillor Duncan MacIntyre (in attendance for this item only) and various members in support of a summer Sunday ferry service between Gourock – Kilcreggan being provided for a one year trial basis, the committee

- (i) approved the recommendation at (5) above;
- (ii) agreed that a summer Sunday ferry service between Gourock – Kilcreggan only be provided on a one year trial basis at a cost to be agreed by the operator but which was anticipated to be around £11,000; and
- (iii) that officers would liaise with a wider range of interested parties on assisting and developing potential commercial opportunities and report progress to a future committee.

10. Amendments to subsidised local bus service contracts

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After consideration of a report (issued) of 6 January 2012 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations) detailing changes to subsidised local bus services, the committee noted the amendments as detailed below:-

Contract	Amendment	Cost	Effective date
0904B Mansewood - City Centre (service 129)	Cancellation of contract following the award of a new contract to First Glasgow.	Annual saving of £28,079	8 January 2012
0907B Govan – North Cardonald (service 124)	Amendment to the route in the North Cardonald area in order to improve reliability.	None	8 January 2012

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0914E	Amendment to route and	Additional £125	8 January 2012

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Glasgow Inner Circle	additional journey from Partick to Parkhead at 1954 hours Monday to Saturday, with an additional full service 90 journey departing Govan at 1928 hours, following recent changes to First Glasgow's commercial services in the area.	per journey (£6,500 per annum)	
0915A Toryglen, ASDA – Croftfoot (service 2)	Amendment to the subsidised Saturday service to match the recent changes to the Monday – Friday service operated commercially by First Glasgow.	None	8 January 2012
2867D Kirkintilloch – Twechar ((service 327)	Cancellation of services, following the withdrawal of First Glasgow's commercial service 84.	Annual savings of £37,545 of £38,503 respectively	8 January 2012
LS029 Kirkintilloch – Queenzieburn – Kilysth – Banton (service 327)	Temporary contract now in place as noted at item 6 of the minute. Tenders invited for a long term replacement contract which would incorporate the required journeys.		
4198B1 Harthill/Torbothie – Shotts - Wishaw Hospital (services 365 & 366)	Cancellation of services, following various changes to operators and services within the Shotts area. Temporary contract now in place as noted at item 6 of the minute	Annual savings of £75,723 and £54,691 respectively	8 January 2012
LS057 Torbothie – Shotts – Morningside – Wishaw Hospital (service 365)	Tenders invited for a long term replacement contract which would incorporate the required journeys.		
4761B Chapelhall – Carnbroe/Coatbridge – Salsburgh (service 16)	Diversion of service 16 via Cliftonville on Saturdays, following a variation to a commercial service operated by a Trip on Time.	None	31 December 2011

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4841J	Amendment to departure	Additional cost of	8 January 2012

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Monklands Hospital – Upperton (services 101 and 181)	time of 1720 hours journey from Monkland Hospital to 17:35 hours. Due to operational requirement on Sundays, the 1805 journey from Upperton to Monklands Hospital would terminate in Airdrie Town Centre.	£35 per week (£1,820 per annum)	
4860E Glasgow – East Kilbride (service 31)	Minor amendments to the timetable and changes to the service number of 131 to 31 to match that of the daytime commercial service and minor amendments to the timetable.	None	8 January 2012
4979D Hamilton – Hillhouse (service 226); and LS059A Hamilton – Little Earnock (service 226)	Cancellation of services, due to a significant change to the subsidy requirements for the service, following the withdrawal of a commercial service in the area. Temporary contract now in place as noted at item 6 of the minute. Tenders invited for a long term replacement contract which would incorporate the required journeys.	£34,904 annual saving	8 January 2012
9561C Salsburgh – Monklands Hospital (service 200)	Withdrawal of the 0815 departure from Salsburgh Monday to Saturday and the 0747 hours departure from Monklands Hospital Monday to Friday, following the introduction of additional commercial journeys by McNairns.	A pro-rata reduction of £132 per week	8 January 2012
9600A Lochwinnoch – Johnstone Station (service 307)	Amendment to the timetable to accommodate train connections.	None	20 December 2011

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LS005B	Cancellation of contract,	£36,153 annual	8 January 2012

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Glasgow City Centre – Mosspark (service 59)	following the withdrawal of a commercial service in the area. Temporary contract now in place as noted at item 6 of the minute. Tenders invited for a long term replacement contract which would incorporate the required journeys.	saving	
LS013A Townhead – Coatbridge (service 117)	Withdrawal of journeys departing Townhead at 0700, 0725 and 0750 hours Monday to Friday, following various timetable revisions and a review of subsidised service within the Coatbridge area.	Saving of £783 per month	20 November 2011
W004 Townhead – Coatbridge (service 117)		(£9,760 per annum)	
LS079 Cessnock – Silverburn – Shawlands (service 153 & 45A)	Minor amendments to the timetable, route and changes to the service number from 45A to 49 to match that of the commercial service and minor amendments to the timetable.	None	8 January 2012

11. Requests for subsidised local bus services

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 10 January 2012 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations) advising members of various requests for the provision of subsidised local bus services.

After consideration and having heard Mr Stewart in answer to members' questions, the committee

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

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Request

Decision

Provision of a bus service between Plains and Drumgelloch Railway Station.

(item c)

Agreed that, although commercial services were available which provided access to the station within Guideline Criteria walking distance, the request had been passed on to the local bus operator for their consideration and further options would be investigated for subsidised bus service within that area.

Extension of bus service 29 to service the Tarryholme area in Irvine.

(item d)

Agreed to investigate options with the operator of service 29 to serve Tarryholme for a trial period.