



Proposed award of subsidised local bus service contracts

Date of meeting 3 November 2023

Date of report 9 October 2023

Report by Chief Executive

1. Object of report

To recommend the Committee approve the award of a subsidised local bus service contract. This paper affects East Renfrewshire, Glasgow, Inverclyde, Renfrewshire and West Dunbartonshire Council areas.

2. Background to report

SPT subsidises bus services which are not provided by the commercial market, but which are considered socially necessary in accordance with the approved framework.

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

3. Outline of proposals

Of the six advertised contracts and their options, it is proposed to award five at this stage with a total contract value of £738,248 as detailed in Appendix 1. This will result in an annual increase of £35,894 to the subsidised bus budget costs when compared to the current annual contract values.

4. Committee action

The Committee is recommended to agree the award of the contracts detailed in Appendix 1. Supports the objectives of the Regional Transport Strategy and SPT's framework for local bus services.

5. Consequences

Policy consequences

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Legal consequences

All contracts will be awarded subject to SPT's terms and conditions for transport contracts.

Financial consequences	<i>The contract awarded in this committee paper will result in additional costs of £6,782 in 2023/2024 when compared current projections for these contracts.</i>
Personnel consequences	<i>None directly.</i>
Equalities consequences	<i>Seeks to reduce the incidence of social exclusion by supporting socially necessary bus services.</i>
Risk consequences	<i>None directly.</i>
Climate Change, Adaptation & Carbon consequences	<i>Support for sustainable transport helps to minimise emissions.</i>

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APPENDIX 1

contract	service no	service description	operator	bus provision	bus provision	term (weeks)	contract price	annualised price (proposed)	annualised price (current)	variance
W031J1	29/29A/29C	Newton Mearns - Mansewood - Shawlands/City Centre	PVT Transfer	Operator	Operator	133	£534,673.00	£209,045.08	£200,299.84	£8,745.24
W166	X22	Greenock/Port Glasgow - Clydebank	McGill's Bus Service Ltd (sole bidder) Option	Operator	Operator	129	£171,321.30	£69,059.75	£42,060.00	£26,999.75
W167	543	Greenock Local service	McGill's Bus Service Ltd (sole bidder) Option	Operator	Operator	77	£23,645.68	£15,968.51	£16,536.00	-£567.49
W168	507	Trumpethill - Greenock	McGill's Bus Service Ltd (sole bidder) Option	Operator	Operator	77	£2,321.26	£1,567.60	£1,560.00	£7.60
W169	30	Johnstone - Spateston	McGill's Bus Service Ltd (sole bidder) Option	Operator	Operator	77	£6,286.81	£4,245.64	£3,536.00	£709.64
							£738,248.05	£299,886.58	£263,991.84	£35,894.74