



Amendments to subsidised local bus service contracts

Committee Operations

Date of meeting 11 March 2016

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Report by Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

1. Object of report

To advise the Committee of amendments to the following local bus service contracts:

Brodick - Blackwaterfoot via South Island (service 323)

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Dunure - Ayr - Straiton (service 361) SPT vehicles

Kilmarnock - Southcraig - Galston (service 332)

Kilmarnock - Moorfield Industrial Park (service 333)

Kilmarnock - Grange Estate/Southcraig (service 334)

Paisley - Inchinnan Business Park (service 66)

Gallowhill/Paisley - Dykebar Hospital/Neilston (service 166)

Cumnock - Kilmarnock (service X76)

Glasgow - Kirkintilloch/Torrance (service 72)

Moodiesburn - Kirkintilloch (service 178) SPT vehicles

Harthill/Torbothie - Shotts - Wishaw General Hospital/Netherton Industrial Estate/Ravenscraig Sports Centre (services 365/366/367) SPT vehicles

Hairmyres Station Interlink (service 399) SPT vehicle

Cumbernauld Local (service 343)

Cumbernauld - Condorrat - Seafar (service 343A)

Carnwath - Lanark - Braehead (service 137)

This report affects the East Ayrshire, East Dunbartonshire, East Renfrewshire, Glasgow City, North Ayrshire, North Lanarkshire, Renfrewshire, South Ayrshire and South Lanarkshire council areas.

2. Background

(a) Brodick - Blackwaterfoot via South Island (service 323)

Brodick - Blackwaterfoot via North Island (service 324) SPT vehicles

Services 323 and 324 are operated on behalf of SPT by Western Buses, providing local links on the Isle of Arran, as well as integral connections with ferry services in Brodick and Lochranza and home-to-school transport on the island on behalf of North Ayrshire Council. These services are contained within a number of contracts, but this amendment relates specifically to contract 6517G.

The operator of the Ardrossan - Brodick ferry, Caledonian MacBrayne, made alterations to its summer 2016 timetable, effective 25 March 2016, which adversely affected connections with bus service 324 at Brodick Ferry Terminal.

In order to maintain interchange opportunities, SPT will amend the timetables for services 323 and 324 to delay the departure of the 1620 hours service 324 journey ex Brodick Ferry Terminal, by 5 minutes and subsequent service 323 journey ex Blackwaterfoot 1745 hours, by 2 minutes, with effect from 25 March 2016.

Action

SPT will alter the timetable of services 323 and 324 within contract 6517G, with effect from 25 March 2016. No additional costs apply.

(b) Dunure - Ayr - Straiton (service 361) SPT vehicles

Service 361 is operated on behalf of SPT by Western Buses, providing a daily, hourly daytime and evening service between Ayr and Dunure and a 2 hourly Monday to Saturday daytime and evening service between Ayr and Straiton via Dunure, within contract 6790H1.

Western Buses requested that SPT give consideration to allowing minor alterations to the timetable of this service between Craig Tara and Ayr, to address some timekeeping issues. The changes will be implemented with effect from 28 March 2016.

Action

SPT will alter the timetable of service 361 within contract 6790H1, with effect from 28 March 2016. No additional costs apply.

(c) Kilmarnock - Southcraig - Galston (service 332) Kilmarnock - Moorfield Industrial Park (service 333) Kilmarnock - Grange Estate/Southcraig (service 334)

Services 332, 333 and 334 are operated on behalf of SPT by Shuttle Buses, providing a Monday to Saturday daytime service between Galston and Kilmarnock via Southcraig as service 332, Monday to Friday peak time journeys between Kilmarnock and Moorfield Industrial Park as service 333, and a Monday to Friday daytime service between Kilmarnock and Grange Estate, with an evening peak hour extension to Southcraig, as service 334, within contract W040A1.

Following the planned closure of the west bound carriageway of Bridge Street, Galston for property repair works the route of service 332 was altered to operate via Wallace Street, Barr Street, Glebe Road, Brewland Street and Cross Street from 25 January 2016, for an estimated period of around 3 months.

Action

SPT altered the route of service 332 within contract W040A1, with effect from 25 January 2016. No additional costs apply.

(d) Paisley - Inchinnan Business Park (service 66) Gallowhill/Paisley - Dykebar Hospital/Neilston (service 166)

Services 66 and 166 are operated on behalf of SPT by McGill's Buses, providing an hourly, late evening Sunday service between Paisley and Inchinnan Business Park via Glasgow Airport as service 66, and an hourly, evening service daily between Paisley and Neilston via Barrhead and between Gallowhill/Paisley and Dykebar Hospital as service 166, within contract 9592E1.

Following the closure of Paisley Road, Barrhead to facilitate railway bridge repair works, the route of service 166 was altered to operate via Carlibar Road, Glasgow Road and Blackbyres Road, from 1 February 2016, for an estimated period of around 3 months.

Action

SPT altered the route and timetable of service 166 within contract 9592E1, with effect from 1 February 2016. The alterations incur additional mileage and as a consequence the contract cost has increased by £107 per week for the duration of the works, equivalent to an increase of £5,574 per annum.

(e) Cumnock - Kilmarnock (service X76)

Service X76 is operated on behalf of SPT by Western Buses, providing an early Sunday morning journey between Cumnock and Kilmarnock to facilitate interchange with existing services to Glasgow within temporary contract W100T.

A previous meeting of this Committee approved operation of this journey for a trial period of 6 months, during which patronage levels were evaluated.

The outcome of analysis led SPT to extend the temporary from 3 April 2016 until 16 July 2016 at the current cost of £51 per week, equivalent to £2,633 per annum, after which date the journey will be incorporated within the substantive contract for this route.

Action

Contract W100T will be extended from 3 April 2016 until 16 July 2016 at a cost of £51 per week, equivalent to £2,633 per annum.

**(f) Glasgow - Kirkintilloch/Torrance (service 72)
Moodiesburn - Kirkintilloch (service 178) SPT vehicles**

Services 72 and 178 are operated on behalf of SPT by McGill's Buses, providing an hourly, Monday to Saturday daytime and early evening service between Glasgow and Kirkintilloch via Auchinloch with early evening extensions to Torrance as service 72, and an hourly, Monday to Saturday daytime service between Moodiesburn and Kirkintilloch via Lenzie as service 178, within contract 2838H.

Following the planned closure of Townhead, Kirkintilloch, to facilitate Phase 1 of the Kirkintilloch Town Centre Streetscape Project, the route of services 72 and 178 were altered from 8 February 2016, for an estimated period of 2 months. Further phases of the Streetscape Project will require the closure of Kirkintilloch Cowgate and West High Street, and this will result in future alterations to both services 72 and 178, within Kirkintilloch town centre, until the estimated project completion in August 2017.

Action

SPT altered the route of services 72 and 178 within contract 2838H, with effect from 8 February 2016, and future progress of the works will require supplementary alterations to the route of these services until completion of the project at an estimated date in August 2017. No additional costs apply.

(g) Harthill/Torboothie - Shotts - Wishaw General Hospital/Netherton Industrial Estate/Ravenscraig Sports Centre (services 365/366/367) SPT vehicles

Services 365,366 and 367 are operated on behalf of SPT by McGill's Buses, providing a Monday to Saturday 90 minute daytime service between Torboothie and Wishaw General Hospital as service 365, Monday to Saturday peak journeys and a two hourly daytime Sunday service between Harthill and Wishaw General Hospital, with weekday am journeys extending to Netherton Industrial Estate and pm journeys extending to Ravenscraig Sports Centre, as service 366, and a daily, hourly evening service between Harthill and Ravenscraig and a two hourly daytime Sunday service between Shotts and Wishaw General Hospital as service 367, within contract W022C.

Following the closure of Benhar Road, Shotts to facilitate railway bridge repair works, the route of service 366 was altered to operate via Calderhead Road, Shottskirk Road and Station Road, from 4 January 2016, for an estimated period of 6 months.

Action

SPT altered the route of service 366 within contract W022C, with effect from 4 January 2016. The alterations incur additional mileage, and as a consequence the contract cost has increased by £39 per week for the duration of the works, equivalent to £2,036 per annum.

(h) Hairmyres Station Interlink (service 399) SPT vehicle

Service 399 is operated on behalf of SPT by McGill's Buses, providing a Monday to Friday, peak time service between Greenhills and Hairmyres Rail Station via Lindsayfield, within contract 4833K.

McGill's Buses requested that SPT give consideration to allowing a minor alteration to the timetable of this service, to improve connections with peak train arrivals and departures at Hairmyres Rail Station, to better suit emerging travel patterns.

The changes will be implemented with effect from 3 April 2016.

Action

SPT will alter the timetable of service 399 within contract 4833K, with effect from 3 April 2016. No additional costs apply.

**(i) Cumbernauld Local (service 343)
Cumbernauld - Condorrat - Seafar (service 343A)**

Services 343 and 343A are operated on behalf of SPT by JD Coaches, providing a half hourly, Monday to Friday daytime service operating a circular route from Cumbernauld Town Centre via North Carbrain and Cumbernauld Asda supermarket, and Monday to Friday morning journeys also operating a circular route between Cumbernauld Town Centre, Condorrat and Seafar as service 343A within Contract 2876G1.

Service 343A commenced in October 2015 to fill gaps in the network following changes to commercial bus services in the area.

As a consequence of further changes to the commercial bus network and analysis of passenger usage of service 343A, SPT has revised service 343A to remove Condorrat from the route.

Action

SPT altered the route and timetable of service 343A within contract 2876G1, with effect from 17 January 2016, at a reduction in cost of £139 per week, equivalent to £7248 per annum.

(j) Carnwath - Lanark - Braehead (service 137)

Service 137 is operated on behalf of SPT by Stuarts Coaches, providing a 90 minute, Monday to Saturday evening, and 2 hourly, all day Sunday service between Carnwath and Braehead via Lanark, within contract 4801S.

As a result of reliability issues stemming from excessive delays at Cleghorn level crossing near Lanark, timetable alterations are planned in an effort to mitigate the problem.

Action

SPT will alter the timetable of service 137 within contract 4801S, with effect from 3 April 2016. No additional costs apply.

3. Committee action

The Committee is recommended to agree the following:

- (a) alteration to the timetables of services 323 and 324, within contract 6517G, with effect from 25 March 2016, no additional costs apply;
- (b) alteration to the timetable of service 361, within contract 6790H1, with effect from 28 March 2016, no additional costs apply;
- (c) alteration to the route of service 332, within contract W040A1, with effect from 25 January 2016, no additional costs apply;
- (d) alteration to the timetable and route of service 166, within contract 9592E1 with effect from 01 February 2016, at an additional cost of £5,574 per annum;
- (e) extension of contract W100T from 3 April 2016 until 16 July 2016 at a cost of £51 per week, equivalent to £2,633 per annum;
- (f) alteration to the route of services 72 and 178, within contract 2838H, with effect from 8 February 2016, no additional costs apply;
- (g) alteration to the route of service 366, within contract W022C with effect from 4 January 2016, at a cost of £39 per week, equivalent to £2,036 per annum;
- (h) alteration to the timetable of service 399, within contract 4833K, with effect from 3 April 2016, no additional costs apply;
- (i) alteration to the timetable and route of service 343A, within contract 2876G1 with effect from 17 January 2016, at a reduction in cost of £139 per week, equivalent to £7,248 per annum;

and

- (j) alteration to the timetable of service 137, within contract 4801S, with effect from 3 April 2016, no additional costs apply.

5. Consequences

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

Legal consequences: *All amendments are permitted in terms of the conditions of contract.*

Financial consequences: *The amendments to contracts detailed in the committee paper will result in savings of £374 in 2015/16 and an increase of £362 in 2016/17*

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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