



### Requests for subsidised local bus services

**Committee** Operations

**Date of meeting** 4 May 2018

**Date of report** 25 April 2018

#### Report by Assistant Chief Executive

#### 1. Object of report

To recommend the Committee note the requests received for subsidised local bus services and approves the recommended actions.

#### 2. Background

(a) To provide a direct local bus service via Queen Margaret Drive, Glasgow and Glasgow city centre **Recommend:** No Action. Existing local bus services via Queen Margaret Drive allow for the journey to be made via interchange, which meet SPT Guideline Criteria. Local bus services with guideline compliant service levels which offer direct links to Glasgow city centre are also available within a walking distance considered acceptable under SPT Guideline Criteria via Great Western Road or Maryhill Road.

*Council area: Glasgow City Council*

(b) To provide a local bus service between the Castlebank Park area of Lanark and Braidfute Retail Park **Recommend:** No Action. Bus stops with guideline compliant service levels are available within a walking distance of both locations and considered acceptable under SPT Guideline Criteria. Additionally, the road infrastructure in the Castlebank Park area (Friars Lane at Friarsdene) is not conducive to safe bus operation.

*Council area: South Lanarkshire Council*

(c) To replace commercially-operated journeys on the Isle of Cumbrae being withdrawn by the local bus operator. **Recommend:** No action. Residual levels of provision are guideline-compliant and any additional subsidised journeys are likely to attract only low passenger usage, resulting in excessive subsidy cost per passenger.

*Council area: North Ayrshire*

**3. Committee action**

The Committee is asked to agree the recommendations.

**4. Consequences**

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

Legal consequences: *None.*

Financial consequences: *None.*

Personnel consequences: *None.*

Equalities consequences: *None.*

Risk consequences: *None.*

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