



### 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 Dunbartonshire, East Renfrewshire, Glasgow City, North Lanarkshire, South Ayrshire, 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.

Where it is deemed appropriate, as determined by subsidised service level, contracts may be tendered with alternative options where the vehicle would be supplied 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 on-going 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 increase of £5,669 to the subsidised bus budget.

##### 3. Outline of proposals

Copies of all timetables are available on request.

Operators were given the flexibility to package contracts. As a result, the Committee is asked to consider the under noted packages of contracts for award:

**(a) 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 £7,855 against the current cost of these contracts.

**(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 £5,607 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 each day, 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.

**(b) Lanark - Wanlockhead (services 30/31)  
Lanark – 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 Stuarts Coaches. The total package price was £916,860, though this will increase to £920,282 as detailed below, and acceptance of this package will result in an annual saving of £19,025 against the current cost of these contracts, with 2 SPT vehicles being allocated to the contracts through redeployment of existing fleet.

**(i) Lanark - 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/Leadhills and Lanark via Thankerton.

The cost apportioned to contract 4953H1 by Stuarts Coaches, within package 17039, is £508,860 for a contract period 16 July 2017 until 16 July 2022, equivalent to an annual cost of £101,382. This tender is based on an optional timetable which replicates the current timetable, removing 2 short workings between Lanark and Hamilton and instead providing 2 additional full route peak time journeys.

Post tendering of this contract, timetable and route adjustments were made to the existing contract 4953G, with effect from 8 January 2017, establishing additional interchange opportunities with Western Buses Ltd alterations to its commercial service X74, thus offering interchange with services 30 and 31 at Abington service area and these modifications will be reflected within this ensuing contract. These alterations incur additional mileage and as a consequence, the tendered cost will increase by £682 per annum, bringing the deemed price of contract 4953H1 to £512,282, equivalent to £102,064 per annum. The cost of this package will subsequently increase to £920,282.

The annual cost to operate this service, from 8 January 2017, is £108,887. This award would represent an annual saving of £6,823 against the current cost of this contract.

This contract utilises one SPT vehicle which will be accommodated through redeployment of existing fleet.

**(ii) Lanark – 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 and Hamilton via Crossford.

The process of contract renewal presents an opportunity for comprehensive analysis of service delivery and in the case of service 317, minor amendments will be introduced in order to improve connections with rail services at Lanark.

The cost apportioned to contract W074B2 by Stuarts 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 utilises one SPT vehicle which will be accommodated through redeployment of existing fleet.

**(c) Carnwath – Lanark – Forth - Braehead (service 137)  
Lanark – Symington - Biggar (service 191)  
Lanark Local – New Lanark/Lanark – Crossford (services 135/317B)  
Carluke Local/Carluk – Lower Braidwood (services 247A/247B)**

The best value tender price for the above services, operated within contracts 4801U, 4865D, W071A and W072A was received in the form of optional package 17035, submitted by Stuarts Coaches. The total package price is £615,924 and acceptance of this package will result in an annual saving of £42 against the current cost of these contracts.

**(i) 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 cost apportioned to contract 4801U by Stuarts Coaches, within package 17035, is £185,400 for a contract period 16 July 2017 until 11 July 2020, equivalent to an annual cost of £61,800. The current annual cost to operate this service is £61,806. This award would represent an annual saving of £6 against the current cost of this contract.

**(ii) Lanark – Symington - Biggar (service 191)**

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

The cost apportioned to contract 4865D by Stuarts Coaches, within package 17035, is £224,640 for the contract period 16 July 2017 until 11 July 2020, equivalent to an annual cost of £74,880. The current annual cost to operate this service is £74,880. This award would be cost neutral.

**(iii) Lanark Local – New Lanark/Lanark – Crossford (services 135/317B)**

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

The cost apportioned to contract W071A by Stuarts Coaches, within package 17035, is £112,644 for the contract period 16 July 2017 until 11 July 2020, equivalent to an annual cost of £37,548. The current annual cost to operate this service is £37,548. This award would be cost neutral.

**(iv) Carluke Local/Carluke – Lower Braidwood (services 247A/247B)**

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.

The process of contract renewal presents an opportunity for comprehensive analysis of service delivery and in the case of service 247A, a minor route extension (which is now provided commercially) has been removed in order to improve timetable adherence. Also, in order to avoid service number duplication, the service numbers of this route has been altered from 47A/B to 247A/B.

The cost apportioned to contract W072A by Stuarts Coaches, within package 17035, is £93,240, for the contract period 16 July 2017 until 11 July 2020, equivalent to an annual cost of £31,080. The current annual cost to operate this service is £31,116. This award would represent an annual saving of £36 against the current cost of this contract.

**(d) Glasgow City Centre- 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.

The process of contract renewal presents an opportunity for comprehensive analysis of service delivery and in the case of service 72, minor amendments will be introduced in order to improve timetable reliability. To accommodate this, the route of the service within Robroyston has been altered.

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 SPT vehicle utilisation, equivalent to existing delivery. The current annual cost to operate these services is £111,453 utilising 3 SPT vehicles.

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.

**(e) Glasgow City Centre - 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 process of contract renewal presents an opportunity for comprehensive analysis of service delivery and in the case of service 329, minor amendments will be introduced in order to improve timetable reliability.

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.

**(f) 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 best value tender for contract W057B was submitted by McGill's Buses at a cost of £142,161 for the contract period 16 July 2017 until 11 July 2020, equivalent to an annual cost of £47,387. The current annual cost to operate this service is £38,407.

Based on the above, it is recommended that contract W057B should be awarded to McGill's Buses at a cost of £142,161. This award would represent an annual increase of £8,980 against the current cost of this contract.

**(g) 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 11 July 2020, equivalent to an annual cost of £71,771.

Post tendering of this contract, adjustments were made to existing contract W024F1, with effect from 9 January 2017, to avoid duplicating service provision which would occur as a result of McGill's Buses commercial service revisions and these alterations will be made to this ensuring contract. These alterations reduce the contract mileage and as a consequence, the tender price will reduce by £6,998, bringing the cost of contract W024G to £208,314, equivalent to £69,438 per annum. The annual cost to operate these services with effect from 8 January 2017 is £67,426.

Based on the above, it is recommended that contract W024G should be awarded to JJ Travel at a revised cost of £208,314. This award would represent an annual increase of £2,012 against the current cost of this contract.

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

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

**(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 Monday to Saturday, between Antonine Park and Whitecrook.

The best value tender for contract LS097N was submitted by McColl's Travel at a cost of £280,500 for the contract period 16 July 2017 until 16 July 2022, equivalent to an annual cost of £55,885. The current annual cost to operate these services is £72,239.

Based on the above, it is recommended that contract LS097N should be awarded to McColl's Travel at a cost of £280,500. This would represent an annual saving of £16,354 against the current cost of this contract.

**(j) 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 Monday to Saturday daytime service between Alexandria and Helensburgh, with one return Sunday journey, 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 £434,502 (86.04%) and Stirling Council £70,498 (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 £23,499 (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 to SPT of £6,567 against the current cost of this contract.

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

**(k) Milngavie - Torrance - Kirkintilloch (service 47/47A)**

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 service 47A providing journeys via Hillfoot.

The process of contract renewal presents an opportunity for comprehensive analysis of service delivery and patronage levels. As a result, the timetables were streamlined to remove the last journey, Monday to Saturday, between Milngavie and Kirkintilloch, on service 47A. In addition to this, post tender of this contract, timetable and route adjustments were made to the existing contract W064A, at no cost effect, with effect from 26 September 2016, to coincide with changes to commercial services in the area and these modifications will be reflected within this ensuing contract.



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.

The SPT vehicle currently allocated to this contract will be redeployed to an alternative contract or disposed of.

**(l) East Kilbride - Uplawmoor (service 395)**

Tenders were invited for a replacement of the current contract for services 395/396, which provide an hourly, daytime service Monday to Saturday between East Kilbride and Uplawmoor.

The process of contract renewal presents an opportunity for comprehensive analysis of service delivery and as a result amendments were identified which result in all journeys operating the same route via Mearnskirik and the service will be renumbered simply as 395. This will provide the travelling public with a more straightforward service and will improve timetable reliability.

An initial tendering exercise produced high tender prices and the contract was therefore re-advertised. The second invitation to tender produced a lowest best value tender for contract 4840J1 of £862,245, submitted by McGill's Buses, for the contract period 16 July 2017 until 16 July 2022, equivalent to an annual cost of £171,788 and is based on SPT vehicle utilisation equivalent to current arrangements. This is a saving of £53,953 per annum over the lowest best value tender received during the initial exercise. The current annual cost to operate this service is £196,077, utilising 3 SPT vehicles.

Based on the above, it is recommended that contract 4840J1 should be awarded to McGill's Buses at a cost of £862,245. This would represent an annual saving of £24,289 against the current cost of this contract.

**(m) Torrance – Glasgow City Centre (services 68/71/71A)**

Tenders were invited for a replacement of the current contract for service 68 which provides 1 peak journey during a.m. and p.m. Monday to Friday between Torrance and Glasgow City Centre via Bardowie, service 71 which provides an hourly, evening service, daily between Torrance and Glasgow City Centre via Springburn and service 71A which provides 1 journey on Saturday mornings between Glasgow City Centre and Torrance and 1 journey on Sunday mornings between Torrance and Glasgow City Centre, both via Springburn.

An initial tendering exercise produced high tender prices and the contract was therefore re-advertised. The second invitation to tender produced the same lowest best value tender for contract 2829P of £199,626, submitted by McGill's Buses, for the contract period 16 July 2017 until 11 July 2020, equivalent to an annual cost of £66,542. The current annual cost to operate this service is £45,849.

Based on the above, it is recommended that contract 2829P should be awarded to McGill's Buses at a cost of £199,626. This would represent an annual increase of £20,693 against the current cost of this contract.

The SPT vehicle currently allocated to this contract will be redeployed to an alternative contract or disposed of.

**(n) Hairmyres Station Interlink (service 399)**

Tenders were invited for a replacement of the current contract for service 399 which provides 3 journeys at morning peak times from Whitehills, East Kilbride to Hairmyres Rail Station and return at afternoon peak times.

Post tendering of the replacement contract, SPT analysed the day to day operation of this service and identified timekeeping issues with the morning journeys and this has been addressed through the provision of additional running time throughout.

An initial tendering exercise produced high tender prices and the contract was therefore re-advertised. The second invitation to tender produced the same lowest best value tender for contract 4833M of £49,263, submitted by McGill's Buses, for the contract period 16 July 2017 until 11 July 2020, equivalent to an annual cost of £16,421. The current annual cost to operate this service is £1,492.

Post tender of this contract, timetable adjustments to address timekeeping issues have been identified and these will be incorporated into both the existing and ensuing contract, as detailed in a separate paper to this Committee.

Based on the above, it is recommended that contract 4833M should be awarded to McGill's Buses at a cost of £49,263. This would represent an annual increase of £14,929 against the current cost of this contract.

The SPT vehicle currently allocated to this contract will be redeployed to an alternative contract or disposed of.

**(o) East Kilbride – Strathaven – Hamilton Bus Station (service 13)**

Tenders were invited for a replacement of the current contract for service 13 which provides an hourly evening service Monday to Saturday and all day and evening service on Sundays between East Kilbride and Hamilton.

The process of contract renewal presents an opportunity for comprehensive analysis of service delivery and as a result, the last journey operating from East Kilbride to Strathaven on Monday to Fridays and Sundays, was identified as carrying very low passenger numbers and has therefore been withdrawn.

An initial tendering exercise produced high tender prices and the contract was therefore re-advertised. The second invitation to tender produced a slightly increased lowest best value tender for contract 4846R of £181,192, submitted by McGill's Buses, for the contract period 16 July 2017 until 13 July 2019,

equivalent to an annual cost of £90,596. The current annual cost to operate this service is £66,765.

Based on the above, it is recommended that contract 4846R should be awarded to McGill's Buses at a cost of £181,192. This would represent an annual increase of £23,831 against the current cost of this contract.

The SPT vehicles currently allocated to this contract will be redeployed to an alternative contract(s) or disposed of.

**(p) Girvan – Newton Stewart (service 359)**

SWestrans manages cross boundary service 359, which provides 7 return local service journeys between Girvan/Glentool and Newton Stewart, Monday to Saturday daytime, whilst also providing free home to school transport to Girvan Academy on behalf of South Ayrshire Council.

The best value tender, for the contract was submitted by Stagecoach Scotland Ltd, at a cost of £789,331 for the contract period 3 April 2017 until 9 August 2020, equivalent to an annual cost of £234,544. The current annual cost to operate this service is £218,989. This award would represent an annual increase of £15,555, against the current cost of this contract.

As a consequence of the cross boundary nature of this contract, funding is currently apportioned between SPT (17.68%), South Ayrshire Council Education Department (16.32%) and SWestrans (66%). These proportions will remain unchanged and so at the point of contract renewal, allocation of the annual cost of the contract will be SPT £41,427 (17.68%), South Ayrshire Council Education Department £38,241 (16.32%) and SWestrans £154,876 (66%).

Based on the above, it is recommended that SPT agree the contribution of £139,418 for service 359. This would represent an annual increase to SPT of £2,710 against the current contribution to the cost of this contract.

Award of this contract is subject to approval by South Ayrshire Council Education Department and SWestrans.

**4. Committee action**

The Committee is recommended to agree to:

- (a) the award of 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 16 July 2022 and until 11 July 2020;

- (b) the award of package 17039 containing contracts 4953H1 (services 30/31) and W074B2 (service 317) to Stuarts Coaches at a revised cost of £920,282, for the contract periods 16 July 2017 until 16 July 2022, utilising 2 SPT vehicles;
- (c) the award of package 17035 containing contracts 4801U (service 137), 4865D (service 191), W071A (services 135/317B) and W072A (services 247A/247B) to Stuarts Coaches at a cost of £615,924, for the contract periods 16 July 2017 until 11 July 2020;
- (d) the award of contract 2838J1 (services 72/178) to McGill's Buses at a cost of £587,910, for the contract period 16 July 2017 until 16 July 2022, utilising 3 SPT vehicles;
- (e) 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;
- (f) The award of contract W057B (service 11) to McGill's Buses at a cost of £142,161, for the contract period 16 July 2017 until 11 July 2020;
- (g) the award of contract W024G (services 77/117) to JJ Travel at a revised cost of £208,314, for the contract period 16 July 2017 until 11 July 2020;
- (h) the award of contract W077A (services 10/10A/10X and 243) to McGill's Buses at a cost of £389,985 for the contract period 16 July 2017 until 16 July 2022, utilising one SPT vehicle;
- (i) the award of contract LS097N (services 184/184A) to McColl's Travel at a cost of £280,500, for the contract period 16 July 2017 until 16 July 2022;
- (j) the award of cross boundary contract W012B (services 305, 306, 309) to Garelochhead Coaches at cost of £505,000, with £434,502 apportioned to SPT, for the contract period 16 July 2017 until 11 July 2020, subject to approval by Stirling Council;
- (k) the award of contract W064B (services 47/47A) to McColl's Travel at a cost of £305,000, for the contract period 16 July 2017 until 16 July 2022;
- (l) the award of contract 4840J1 (service 395) to McGill's Buses at a cost of £862,245, for the contract period 16 July 2017 until 16 July 2022, utilising 3 SPT vehicles;
- (m) the award of contract 2928P (services 68/71/71A) to McGill's Buses at a cost of £199,626, for the contract period 16 July 2017 until 11 July 2020);
- (n) the award of contract 4833M (service 399) to McGill's Buses at a cost of £49,263, for the contract period 16 July 2017 until 11 July 2020;
- (o) the award of contract 4846R (service 13) to McGill's Buses at a cost of £181,192, for the contract period 16 July 2017 until 13 July 2019;

and

- (p) the contribution to cross boundary contract for the operation of service 359, managed by SWestrans, to Stagecoach Scotland Ltd at a cost of £789,331, with a contribution from SPT of £139,418, for the contract period. This award is subject to approval by South Ayrshire Council Education Department and SWestrans.

## 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, together with vehicle lease agreement, where applicable.*
- Financial consequences: *The renewal of the contracts detailed in the committee paper will result in additional costs to SPT of £4,026 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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