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## **Strathclyde Partnership for Transport**

### **Minute of Chair's Committee meeting**

**4 July 2008**

held in Consort House, Glasgow

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## Minute of the meeting of the Strathclyde Partnership for Transport Chair's Committee held in Consort House, Glasgow, on 4 July 2008.

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**Present** Councillors Alistair Watson (Chair) and David McLachlan.

**Attending** Kirsten Clubb, Committee Clerk (for Secretary); Eric Stewart, Director of Bus Operations and Michelle Watt, Media Manager, Communications.

### 1. Minute of previous meeting

The minute of 7 April 2008 (issued) was submitted and approved as a correct record.

### 2. New flexibus contract numbers: NO075, 4424A and 4427

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 2 July 2008 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) reminding members that Flexibus, also referred to as "Adaptable Bus," was a new SPT initiative which provided a range of alternative services in partnership with constituent authorities and other public bodies, including the operation of mainstream school transport, transport for pupils with mobility support needs, recreational transport for pupils, social services and health service transport and subsidised local services;
- (2) detailing tenders received for the award of adaptable bus contracts in the North Ayrshire, South Lanarkshire and North Lanarkshire council areas;
- (3) highlighting that the tenders had specified that the vehicles required for operation of the various services would be purchased and supplied by SPT, with the successful tenderer supplying the driver and assuming all revenue costs associated with the operation of the vehicles;
- (4) explaining
  - (a) that prices were being assessed for a further adaptable bus contract due to commence in the Inverclyde Council area during October 2008; and
  - (b) that a report would be submitted to a future Operations Committee once this process was complete; and
- (5) seeking the committee's views on the award of the appropriate contracts.

After discussion, the committee agreed to the award of the following contracts, with the costs apportioned as detailed in the report

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- (i) contract NO075 North Ayrshire Flexibus to Stagecoach Western at a cost of £899,732 for the contract period, equivalent to £179,946 per annum together with a one off payment of £8,000 for the vehicle conversion to operate on Bio Diesel;
- (ii) contract 4424A South Lanarkshire Flexibus to Stuart's of Carluke Coaches at a cost of £414,000 for the contract period, equivalent to £82,800 per annum; and
- (iii) contract 4427 North Lanarkshire Flexibus be awarded to Stuart's of Carluke at a cost of £414,000 for the contract period, equivalent to £82,800 per annum.

### **3. Additional item**

In terms of Standing Order no 3.2, the committee agreed to consider the following additional item of business.

### **4. Conference**

The committee agreed that Councillor David McLachlan should attend the 33rd CPT Annual Scottish Conference to be held in Auchterarder on 29 – 30 September 2008.