

Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Minute of Chair's Committee

19 July 2013

held in Consort House, Glasgow

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Minute of the meeting of Strathclyde Partnership for Transport's Chair's Committee held in Consort House, Glasgow, on 19 July 2013

Present Councillors Denis McKenna (Chair) and Kaye Harmon.

Attending Valerie A Bowen, Senior Committee Officer and Eric Stewart, Assistant Chief Executive (Operations).

1. Apologies

Apologies were submitted from Councillor Jim Coleman.

2. Declaration of interest in terms of the Ethical Standards in Public Life etc (Scotland) Act 2000

The committee noted that there were no declarations of interest.

3. Proposed funding contribution to local bus contract

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Reference was made to the meeting of the Operations Committee of 31 May 2013 (page 3, paragraph 9) when the Partnership had agreed to the extension of a temporary contract from 30 March 2013 until further notice to allow time to carry out public consultation regarding the delivery of services serving Dumfries/Biggar - Edinburgh (services 100,101,102,103 operated on behalf of SPT, Midlothian Council, Scottish Borders Council and Swestrans, by Western Buses), prior to seeking prices for a long term contract. Thereon there was submitted a report (issued) of 16 July 2013 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) intimating that the tendering exercise undertaken by SWESTRANS had invited separate prices based on the operator supplying the buses or the funding partners providing the buses on a leased basis, and it was determined that the most acceptable tender submitted was by Stagecoach Western Buses at a cost of £390,000 per annum for the contract period 12 August 2013 to 11 August 2018;
- (2) informing members that, calculated upon mileage operated in the respective partner areas, SPT's contribution would be 36.4% of the cost, which translated to £142,318 per annum - a saving of £46,060 per annum on the current cost; and
- (3) recommending that the committee agree to a funding contribution of £142,318 per annum for the contract period outline above.

After consideration and having heard Mr Stewart in further explanation, the committee

- (a) approved the recommendation at (3) above; and
- (b) noted that Swestrans would assume management of the contract from 12 August 2013.