Committee report



Contracts awarded under delegated powers

Committee Operations

Date of meeting 21 August 2020 Date of report 5 August 2020

Report by Assistant Chief Executive

1. Object of report

To notify the Committee of subsidised local bus service contracts awarded utilising delegated powers.

2. Background

It has been necessary to award subsidised local bus service contracts as allowed for in the Scheme of Delegations. This has been done in order to react to commercial local bus market changes and ensure that, where budget allows, service continuity to the travelling public continues. In each circumstance, SPT endeavoured to encourage the market to respond commercially, although this was unsuccessful.

Appendix 1 details the subsidised local bus service contracts involved since January 2020.

Tendering processes continue to ensure that all contracts are monitored, reviewed and where justified, replaced on a sustainable basis.

3. Committee action

The Committee is recommended to note the subsidised local bus service contracts awarded, utilising delegated powers, thus ensuring that socially necessary gaps in the public transport network arising from commercial local bus market changes are provided for.

4. Consequences

Policy consequences In line with Regional Transport Strategy.

Legal consequences All contracts are awarded subject to SPT's

conditions of contract for transport contracts and

where applicable, vehicle lease agreements.

Financial consequences No additional costs as the award of contracts

detailed in this committee paper have already been included within the opening projected outturn within the financial implications report at this

Committee.

Personnel consequences None directly.

Equalities consequences

Seeks to reduce the incidence of social exclusion by supporting socially necessary bus services.

Risk consequences

None directly.

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Appendix 1

Contracts awarded utilising delegated powers - for noting

Contract	Service No	Description	Original Operator	Start / End	Remarks	Contract Cost	Awarded to
W146	19A	Robroyston – Buchanan Bus Station	First Glasgow	26 April 2020 / 24 October 2020	Despite repeated attempts to find a sustainable long term solution for the service, inconsistent patronage figures has prevented the advertisement of a long term contract and as such, a 6 month contract has been awarded to provide additional time to analyse, develop, advertise and award a sustainable replacement.	£30,212, which equates to £1,162 per week	JMB Travel
6031K	359	Girvan Academy – Newton Stewart	Western Buses	10 August 2020/ 8 August 2021	Renewal of the School/Local contract administered by Swestrans. Funding is apportioned between SPT (17.68%), South Ayrshire Council Education Department (16.32%) and SWestrans (66%).	£39,017, which equates to £750.33 per week (SPT contribution)	Western Buses