Committee report



Requests for subsidised local bus services

Committee Operations

Date of meeting 26 April 2019 Date of report 16 April 2019

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 bus service between Milngavie / Bearsden and the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital **Recommend:** No Action. Journey can be made via interchange on existing local bus services, which meet SPT Guideline Criteria. Council area: East Dunbartonshire Council Origin of request: MP
- (b) To amend the timetable and route of subsidised services 71/71A (Glasgow Torrance) and 72 (Glasgow Kirkintilloch) to operate via Stobhill Hospital **Recommend:** No Action. Constraints imposed by the existing schedules would not allow the services to be altered without adversely affecting other sections of the route and timetable. Both services operate via bus stops within a walking distance considered acceptable under SPT Guideline Criteria on Balgrayhill Road.

Council area: Glasgow City Council Origin of request: NHSGG&C

(c) To amend the terminus point of subsidised service 128 from Killermont Street to Buchanan Bus Station **Recommend:** No Action. Constraints imposed by the existing schedule would not allow the service to be altered without adversely affecting other sections of the route and timetable, given the likely additional time required to operate via the bus station. Service 128 is available from the bus stop on Killermont Street within the immediate vicinity of the bus station.

Council area: Glasgow City Council Origin of request: NHSGG&C

(d) To provide a direct bus service between Stewarton and Fenwick **Recommend:** No Action. Existing provision via these communities meet SPT Guideline Criteria and journey can be via interchange (in Kilmarnock) on existing local bus services. SPT also provide MyBus Rural service 500 in the areas, which offers bookable door-to-door transport and the option of a direct link.

Council area: East Ayrshire Council

Origin of request: Councillor

(e) To amend the timetable of subsidised serviced 191 to offer improved connections with rail links at Lanark Interchange **Recommend:** Investigate whether scope exists within contract 4865D to amend subsidised service 191, and liaise with Stuart's Coaches Ltd on the matter in relation to Monday – Saturday daytime commercial service 91 provision.

Council area: South Lanarkshire Council Origin of request: Community Council

(f) To provide a direct bus service from the Milton area of Glasgow to Bishopbriggs Retail Park and Glasgow Royal Infirmary **Recommend:** No Action. Journey can be made via interchange on existing local bus services, which meet SPT Guideline Criteria.

Council area: Glasgow City Council Origin of request: Councillor

(g) To provide a direct subsidised bus service from Law Village to Newmains and Wishaw General Hospital Recommend: No Action. Journeys can be made directly (Wishaw General Hospital) and via interchange (Newmains) on existing local bus services, which meet SPT Guideline Criteria.

Council area: North Lanarkshire Council

Origin of request: Councillor

(h) To amend the route and timetable of subsidised service 381 to operate via Gartshore Crescent, Twechar **Recommend:** No Action. Constraints imposed by the existing schedule would not allow the service to be altered without adversely affecting other sections of the route and timetable. Service 381 operates via the bus stop located on Kelvin View, Twechar, which is within a walking distance considered acceptable under SPT Guideline Criteria for residents of Gartshore Crescent.

Council area: East Dunbartonshire Council

Origin of request: Tenants and Residents Association

(i) To operate subsidised service 344/344A via Twechar during the main-day Monday – Saturday **Recommend:** No Action. Constraints imposed by the contract under which service 344/344A is delivered would not permit additional journeys via the Twechar area without adversely affecting other local bus service and MyBus provision contained within the contract. Existing provision via Twechar meets SPT Guideline Criteria.

Council area: East Dunbartonshire Council

Origin of request: Tenants and Residents Association

(j) To review the timetable of subsidised service 520/521 in relation to interchange options with rail links at Bishopton Station **Recommend:** No Action. Current timetable is designed to offer suitable interchange with rail services at Bishopton, the overwhelming majority of which allow connection with links which serve all railway stations and thereby maximise travel options for intending passengers.

Council area: Renfrewshire Council Origin of request: Member of public

(k) To enhance evening bus service provision via the Bearsden area to offer extended links to additional communities i.e. Glasgow city centre and west end **Recommend:** No Action. Existing evening provision in the Bearsden area (subsidised service 118/118A) meets SPT Guideline Criteria and journeys to onward destinations can be made via interchange on existing services.

Council area: East Dunbartonshire Council

Origin of request: Member of public

(I) To provide an early weekday evening link between Cumbernauld town centre and Carrickstone **Recommend:** Investigate whether scope exists within contract 9603T7 to amend subsidised services 348 or 403/403A.

Council area: North Lanarkshire Council Origin of request: Member of public

(m) To provide replacement provision for Mackenzie Bus Ltd's service 107/109 (Motherwell – Hamilton – Uddingston – Bellshill - Holytown) **Recommend:** No Action. Residual service levels via communities affected meet SPT Guideline Criteria.

Council area: North Lanarkshire Council Origin of request: Local Member

(n) To provide an additional AM peak time journey (0800 hours) between Rosneath Peninsula and Helensburgh **Recommend:** No Action. Existing service levels offered by partially subsidised service 316 meets SPT Guideline Criteria.

Council area: Argyll and Bute Council

Origin of request: Councillor

(o) To provide a Sunday service via the Churchill area of Helensburgh **Recommend:** Investigate option to amend contract 8811E by using recovery time within the timetable to serve the Churchill area.

Council area: Argyll and Bute Council

Origin of request: Councillor

3. Committee action

The Committee is asked to agree the recommendations.

4. Consequences

Policy consequences: None directly.

Legal consequences: None directly.

Financial consequences: No financial consequences.

Personnel consequences: None directly.

Equalities consequences: None directly.

Risk consequences: None directly.

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