Glasgow Future Cities Transport Project – Contract Award

Committee Strategy and Programmes

Date of meeting 28 March 2014 Date of report 13 March 2014

Report by Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

1. Object of report

To recommend the Committee approve the award of a contract for the purchase of software and licenses from Trapeze Group (UK) Ltd. This will enable SPT to work in partnership with Glasgow City Council (GCC) to meet the aims of their Future Cities Social Transport Demonstrator Project. It also allows the continued development of the Clyde Valley Social Transport Project and the West of Scotland Integrated Transport Hub.

2. Background

SPT has, for several years, pioneered and provided the lead in the development of integrated transport solutions within the west of Scotland. This included the shared services agenda in which SPT is a member of the Clyde Valley Social Transport and Fleet Management Project. SPT has been working in partnership with several Councils, particularly Glasgow, North Lanarkshire and Renfrewshire, to develop pilot projects to provide a centralised scheduling resource to assist in the management of their social work and Additional Support for Learning (ASL) transport and make more optimal use of their transport fleet downtime.

The Operations Committee has previously considered and approved for SPT to work in partnership with Glasgow City Council to take forward a project. This project involved SPT scheduling and planning their internal transport provision as part of the Clyde Valley Social Transport Project. SPT and GCC have been working over the last couple of years to develop and deliver this project.

3. Outline of Proposal

GCC were awarded Future Cities funding from the UK Government’s Technology Strategy Board for a Social Integrated Transport Demonstrator Project. This is a part of a £24M funding programme which will demonstrate how technology can make the life of the city smarter, safer and more sustainable.

Building on the work of the current Clyde Valley Social Transport Project, GCC are looking to continue to make use of SPT’s Contact Centre and Scheduling infrastructure. This will provide route optimisation of their entire internal social transport fleet and enable real time allocation of journeys that provide opportunities to make optimal use of the fleet’s downtime.
It will enable SPT to continue to provide a centralised scheduling and planning for Glasgow's internal transport fleet for social work and ASL needs.

To advance the project to the next stage that will enable GCC to meet the objectives of their Demonstrator Project, SPT is seeking approval to award a contract to the Trapeze Group (UK) Ltd to a maximum of £239,940 for the purchase of additional software modules and licences. This contract would be awarded through single source as the additional software modules and licences required links to the existing and unique scheduling software applications currently provided to SPT by Trapeze.

In furtherance of the Future Cities project, GCC are providing funding of £239,940 to SPT for the purchase of this additional software and licences. GCC will also provide a further £53,000 of funding to cover SPT’s support costs for the project.

4. Conclusions

The investment of the additional software and licences will allow the continued development of scheduling and planning capabilities of SPT, building on SPT current Contact Centre infrastructure.

It will enable SPT to continue to work in partnership with Glasgow City Council to meet their objectives of the Future Cities Social Transport Project.

It also continues to build on the on-going work of SPT in pioneering and leading on the development of an Integrated Transport Hub for Health and Social Care Transport by making use of SPT’s Contact Centre.

5. Committee action

The Committee is recommended to approve:

a) the award of a contract to Trapeze Group (UK) Ltd to a maximum of £239,940 for the purchase of additional software modules and licences;

and

b) the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between SPT and the council setting out the project arrangements.

6. Consequences

Policy consequences: In line with the Regional Transport Strategy.

Legal consequences: The completion of a Memorandum of Understanding between SPT and the council setting out the arrangements agreed between the parties.

Financial consequences: The full cost of the contract award will be funded by the Glasgow City Council contribution to the overall project.

Personnel consequences: None.
Social inclusion: None.
Risk consequences: None.

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