

Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Minute of Operations Committee meeting

4 September 2009

held at: Consort House, Glasgow

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Minute of the meeting of the Strathclyde Partnership for Transport's Operations Committee held in Consort House, Glasgow, on 4 September 2009

- Present** Councillors Davie McLachlan (Chair), David Fagan, Archie Graham, Bill Grant, Bobby McDill, Marie McGurk, Eddie Phillips, Chris Thompson and David Wilson and appointed members Tom Hart and Ronnie Mellis.
- Apologies** Councillors Kaye Harmon, William Hendrie, Tommy Morrison and Alistair Watson.
- Attending** Kirsten Clubb, Committee Clerk; Gordon Maclennan, Assistant Chief Executive (Operations); Eric Stewart, Director, Bus Operations and Neil Wylie, Director of Finance.
- Also Attending** John Yellowlees and Clare Dickie, Scotrail.

1. Minute of previous meeting

The minute of the meeting of 26 June 2009 (issued) was submitted and approved as a correct record.

2. Public transport services monitoring report

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 27 August 2009 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) informing the committee of the latest trends in the number of passengers carried and the reliability of services directly operated and supported by the Partnership and on ScotRail services in the SPT area; and
- (2) providing information on the current status of SPT's six point bus action plan for the continuing improvement of bus service delivery within the region, together with regulating and fleet profile statistics.

After discussion and having heard Messrs Maclennan and Stewart in further explanation of the report the committee

- (a) agreed that the report for the next meeting would reflect revised passenger estimates when detailing Scotrail Patronage for 2008/2009; and
- (b) otherwise noted the contents of the report.

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3. Subsidised local bus service recommendations – financial implications

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 19 August 2009 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support) advising the committee of the financial implications of members' possible decisions relating to the remaining items on the agenda.

After discussion and having heard Mr Wylie inform members of the current funding position for the subsidised local bus budget for 2009/2010, the committee noted the report in relation to the financial implications of awarding any contracts and agreed to give due consideration to these implications when making decisions on these contracts.

4. Award of contracts

After consideration of reports (issued) of 17 and 19 August 2009 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations), outlining tenders received for the award and renewal of subsidised local bus services, the committee agreed to award the contracts as undernoted:-

Agenda item No	Contract	Operator	Contract amount	Remarks	
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	Proposed award of new local bus service contracts	LS023A Morningside – Wishaw Town Centre and Wishaw General Hospital (service 26)	Irvine's Coaches	£95,680	Optional tender. 32 month contract effective from 2 November 2009.
		LS035 Halfway – Newton – Cambuslang – Burnside – Rutherglen (service 7)	First Glasgow No.1	£121,248	Optional tender. 33 month contract effective from 26 October 2009.
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	Proposed renewal of local bus service contracts	LS08B1 Allanton – Bellshill – Strathclyde Business Park	Stuart's Coaches	£52,000	Lowest tender. 9 month contract effective from 12 October 2009.

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6942H Cumnock – New Cumnock – Dalmellington – Burnton - Bellsbank (service 356)	Ayrways Coach Travel	£228,150	Lowest tender. 32 month contract effective from 2 November 2009.
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5. Request for subsidised local bus service contracts

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 27 August 2009 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations), advising members of various requests for the provision of subsidised local bus services.

After discussion, the committee

- (1) agreed not to take any further action in respect of the local subsidised bus service requests at paragraphs (a) to (g); and
- (2) approved the recommendation in respect of the undernoted request: -

Request

Decision

Provision of a subsidised bus service between Whitehill, Hamilton and Blantyre to replace direct service withdrawn by current operator (Item h)

The committee agreed that tenders be sought for an hourly main day service Monday – Saturday to maintain current provision.

6. Conference

The committee agreed

- (1) that the Chair or Vice be authorised to attend the “Sustainable Scotland Network (SSN) Annual Conference 2009” to be held in Edinburgh on 29 October 2009; and
- (2) that any other member wishing to attend should contact the committee clerks.