

Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Minute of Operations Committee

25 January 2013

held in Consort House, Glasgow

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Minute of the meeting of Strathclyde Partnership for Transport Operations Committee held in Consort House, Glasgow on 25 January 2013

- Present** Councillors Denis McKenna (Chair), Malcolm Balfour, David Fagan, Bill Grant, Kaye Harmon, Chris Kelly, Alan Moir, Robert G MacIntyre, George Redmond and David Wilson and Appointed Members Niall McGrogan and Jim McNally.
- Attending** Valerie Davidson, Secretary/Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support); Gordon MacLennan, Chief Executive; Eric Stewart, Assistant Chief Executive (Operations); Alex Scott, Bus Services Manager and Frank Rennie, Network Planning Team Leader.
- Also attending** John Yellowlees, ScotRail

1. Apologies

Apologies were submitted from Councillors Tony Buchanan and Bobby McDill.

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. Minute of previous meeting

The minute of the meeting of 2 November 2012 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

4. Public transport services monitoring report

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 16 January 2013 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 bus action plan for the continuing improvement of bus service delivery within the region, together with regulating and fleet profile statistics.

After discussion on the expansion of MyBus services and the Gourock – Kilcreggan ferry, the committee

- (a) agreed that the report on eligibility criteria for concessionary travel which had been submitted to the Concessionary Travel Scheme Joint Committee held earlier that day, be emailed to all members of the committee;
- (b) congratulated officers for their hard work and professionalism on the Gourock – Kilcreggan ferry contract; and
- (c) otherwise noted the terms of the report.

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5. Subsidised local bus service contract recommendations – financial implications

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 17 January 2013 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support) advising the committee of the financial implications of members' possible decisions relating to further items on the agenda.

After discussion and having heard Mrs Davidson advise members that although the report was accurate at the time of writing, significant changes had occurred which would be dealt with at item 8 of the minute, the committee

- (1) noted the report in relation to the financial implications of awarding any contracts; and
- (2) agreed to give due consideration to the implications when making decisions on these contracts.

6. Temporary contracts awarded

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After consideration of a report (issued) of 16 January 2013 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations), the committee noted the award of temporary contracts, as detailed in the appendix to the report, in order that tender prices could be invited for new long term contracts.

7. Homologation of cancellation and award of temporary contract for subsidised local bus service

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There was submitted and noted a report (issued) of 14 January 2013 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) advising of action which had been taken by SPT, in discussion with other funding partners following the early termination of Contract W032T1 Dumfries/Biggar – Edinburgh (services 100/101/102/103) due to the poor performance of the contractor; and
- (2) explaining that SPT's conditions of contact allowed recovery of all costs from any operator removed from a contract which had been terminated before the scheduled end date.

After discussion and having heard Mr Stewart in further explanation and in answer to members' questions, the committee noted

- (a) the cancellation of contract W032T1 Dumfries/Biggar - Edinburgh (services 100/101/102/103) held by MacEwans Coach Service; and
- (b) the award of contract W032T2 Dumfries/Biggar - Edinburgh (services 100/101/102/103) to Stagecoach Western Buses from 26 November 2012 until 30 March 2013 at a cost of £9,434 per week, in order that arrangements could be made for a substantive long term contract.

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8. Proposed renewal of subsidised local bus service contracts

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 16 January 2013 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) providing information on the tenders received for the renewal of new local subsidised bus service contracts; and
- (2) recommending the award of appropriate contracts.

After discussion and having heard Mr Stewart advise members of various commercial changes which had occurred recently which would affect some of the awards, the committee

- (a) agreed
 - (i) that in light of the new information received and in order to accommodate gaps in service, officers be delegated to make the necessary awards for the following contracts, which would be submitted to the next committee for homologation:-
 - contract 0906D Greenfield - Rutherglen - Castlemilk (service 46);
 - contract 4974D Halfway - Cambuslang - East Kilbride (service 172);
 - contract 4980D Rutherglen - Fernhill (service 14); and
 - contract LS045A Paisley - Clydebank (service 300)
 - (ii) to award package 15629 to McColl's Coaches for the contract period 14 July 2013 to 7 July 2018, which contained the following contracts:-
 - contract 2835J Kilysth - Glasgow (service 27) at a cost of £28,772; and
 - contract LS026D Kilsyth - Twechar (service 381) at a cost of £251,728, based on the use of an SPT vehicle;
 - (iii) to award package 15634 to Whitelaws Coaches for the contract period 14 July 2013 to 14 July 2018, which contained the following contracts:-
 - contract 4856L Netherburn - Ashgill – Hamilton (service 255) at a cost of £287,837;
 - contract 4874F Coalburn - Lesmahagow - Hamilton (service 253) at a cost of £266,415; and
 - contract 4904S Strathaven - Stonehouse - Hamilton (service 254) at a cost of £190,971;
 - (iv) to award package 15631 to McNairn Coaches for the contract period 14 July 2013 to 16 July 2016, which contained the following contracts:-
 - contract 4800B Newarthill - Motherwell - North Lodge (service 355) at a cost of £107,372; and

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- contract W010B Monklands Hospital - Airdire - Wishaw (service 248A) at a cost of £154,708;
- (v) to award contract 0957H Partick - Gartnavel Hospital (service 83) to Glasgow Citybus at a cost of £26,990, for the contract period 14 July 2013 to 16 July 2016;
- (vi) to award contract 4199C Harthill - Bellshill (services 235/2363) to Stuarts Coaches at a cost of £352,800, for the contract period 14 July 2013 to 16 July 2016;
- (vii) to award contract 4841K Monklands Hospital - Upperton (services 235/236) to Stuarts Coaches at a cost of £125,640, for the contract period 14 July 2013 to 16 July 2016;
- (viii) to award contract 4860F Glasgow - East Kilbride (service 31) to First Glasgow at a cost of £65,090, for the contract period 14 July 2013 to 12 July 2014;
- (ix) to award contract 6485L Muirkirk - Cumnock - Kilmanrock (service X76) to Stagecoach Western Buses at a cost of £247,860, for the contract period 14 July 2013 to 16 July 2016;
- (x) to award contract 6979D Irvine - Stewarton (service 113) to Shuttle Buses at a cost of £56,065, for the contract period 14 July 2013 to 16 July 2016;
- (xi) to award contract 8811C Carrick - Lochgoilhead – Arrochar – Helensburgh (service 302) to Garelochhead Coaches at a cost of £179,784, for the contract period 14 July 2013 to 16 July 2016;
- (xii) to award contract LS007D Bishopbriggs Circular (service 142) to Glasgow Citybus at a cost of £61,648, for the contract period 14 July 2013 to 16 July 2016;
- (xiii) to award contract LS076B Coatbridge - Monklands - Caldercruix (service 312) to Henderson Travel at a cost of £115,232, for the contract period 14 July 2013 to 16 July 2016;
- (xiv) to award contract W021B1 Croy Station - Craigmarloch - Cumbernauld (services 344/348/403) to Henderson Travel at a cost of £350,882, for the contract period 14 July 2013 to 7 July 2018, based on the use of an SPT vehicle;
- (xv) to award contract W022B1 Harthill/Shotts - Wishaw Hospital - Ravenscraig Sports Centre (service 365,366,367) to Henderson Travel at a cost of £560,735, for the contract period 14 July 2013 to 16 July 2016, based on the use of an SPT vehicle;
- (xvi) to award contract W040 Galston - Kilmarnock (service 332) to Stagecoach Western Buses at a cost of £163,005, for the contract period 15 July 2013 to 12 July 2014;
- (xvii) to award contract W041 Largs - Ardrossan - Stevenston (service 585A) to Stagecoach Western Buses at a cost of £163,005, for the contract period 15 July 2013 to 16 July 2016; and
- (xviii) to award contract LS044H East Kilbride - Hamilton - Harthill - Edinburgh (service 904) to Scottish Citylink Coaches at a cost of £39,149, for the contract period 14 July 2013 to 12 July 2014; and

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- (b) approved the award of a contract to Bluebird Vehicles Ltd via Scotland Excel for the purchase of 2 vehicles at an approximate cost of £80,000 per vehicle; and
- (c) noted that formal awards of the above contracts were subject to satisfaction of the requirements of the mandatory standstill period for EU advertised public sector contracts.

9. Proposed award of subsidised local bus service contracts

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 16 January 2013 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) providing information on the tenders received for new local subsidised bus contracts; and
- (2) recommending the award of appropriate contracts.

After discussion, the committee

- (a) agreed to award the following contracts:-
 - (i) contract LS052D Carluke - Lower Braidwood (service 48) to Stuarts Coaches at a cost of £37,700, for the contract period 17 February 2013 to 11 July 2015;
 - (ii) contract W039A1 Hairmyres Hospital - East Kilbride - Hamilton - Torr Farm (service 205) to First Glasgow at a cost of £137,727 for the contact period 17 February to 16 July 2016; and
 - (iii) contract 4945L Carluke - Law - Hamilton (service 243) to Stuarts Coaches at a cost of £113,100 for the contract period 17 February 2013 to 11 July 2015, based on the use of an SPT vehicle; and
- (b) noted that formal awards of the above contracts were subject to satisfaction of the requirements of the mandatory standstill period for EU advertised public sector contracts.

10. Amendments to subsidised local bus service contracts

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After consideration of a report (issued) of 15 January 2013 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations) detailing changes to subsidised local bus services, the committee noted the amendments as detailed below:-

Contract	Amendment	Cost	Effective date
Contract W033 Duntocher/ Hardgate - Gartnavel Hospital (service 118)	Additional evening peak journey between Duntocher and Anniesland.	Additional cost of £274 per week until 16/11/12 reducing to £175 per week thereafter.	5/11/12

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Contract W033 Antonine Park - Clydebank (service 184)	Revision to the route and timetable to operate within the Parkhall area of Clydebank.	Saving of £6,770 per annum.	17/12/12
Contract 6485K Muirkirk - Cumnock - Kilmarnock (service X76)	Alteration to the Sunday timetable to improve connections at Kilmarnock for onward travel.	None	21/1/13
Contract 5627F Bishopton - Erskine (service 521)	Revision to the timetable to coordinate with the revised rail timetable.	None	9/12/12
Contract 4953F Lanark - Leadhills - Wanlockhead (service 30/31)	Revision to the timetable to operate 30 minutes later than the currently scheduled service to increase shopping time within Lanark for residents of Leadhills.	None	3/3/13
Contract 4199B Bellshill - Harthill (services 235/236)	Revision to the timetable to ensure connections with rail services at Bellshill Station, following recent changes to the rail timetable.	None	3/3/13
Contract 6169B Ayr - Girvan - Stranraer (service 358/360)	Revision to the route and timetable to improve service levels within Girvan and also to provide a link to Stranraer Ferry Terminal.	None	28/1/13

11. Review of Sunday service on Gourock – Kilcreggan ferry

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With reference to the minute of 20 January 2012 (page 5, paragraph 9) when the committee had agreed, inter alia that a summer Sunday ferry service between Gourock – Kilcreggan only be provided on a one year trial basis at a cost to be agreed with the operator but which was anticipated to be around £11,000, there was submitted and approved a report (issued) of 8 January 2013 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) informing members that based on the review of the passenger numbers carried during the summer 2012 period, 1,061 passengers had used the ferry on Sundays which was an average of 37 passengers on each of the days involved;

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- (2) explaining that the operator was optimistic that, having achieved growth in passenger numbers over the summer period, despite the well documented wet weather within the UK, this success could be built upon; and
- (3) recommending that the committee
 - (a) agree to a tendering exercise for the provision of a Sunday service based on the summer 2012 timetable, to operate during the Summer periods for the remainder of the contract; and
 - (b) that assistance be sought from both Argyll & Bute Council and Visit Scotland to promote the service.

12. Requests for subsidised local bus services

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 15 January 2013 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations) advising members of various requests for the provision of subsidised local bus services.

After consideration and having heard Mr Stewart in answer to members' questions, the committee

- (1) agreed not to take any further action in respect of the local subsidised bus service requests at paragraphs (a) – (c), (e) and (g) to (j); and
- (2) agreed as follows in respect of the undernoted request:-

Request	Decision
Revision to the route of service 374 to service Muirend and Newlands. (Report item d)	that options be investigated with the operation to amend the route.
Provision of an evening service from Paisley Town Centre to the Ferguslie Park area (Report item f)	that tenders be invited for an evening service.

13. John Yellowlees

The committee congratulated Mr Yellowlees on his recent award for his long service to the rail industry. Mr Yellowlees replied in suitable terms