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Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Minute of Operations Committee meeting

25 June 2010

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 25 June 2010

- Present** Councillors Denis McKenna (Chair), David Fagan, Jonathan Findlay, Bill Grant, Mark Griffin, William Hendrie, Bobby McDill, Tommy Morrison, Eddie Phillips, Alan Moir and John Murray (deputy) and appointed members Niall McGrogan and Ronnie Mellis.
- Apologies** Councillors Marie McGurk, Chris Thompson and David Wilson and appointed members Tom Hart and Bill Ure.
- Attending** Kirsten Clubb, Committee Clerk, Gordon MacLennan, Chief Executive and Eric Stewart, Assistant Chief Executive (Operations).
- Also Attending** Councillor Duncan MacIntyre, Gavin Scott, appointed member and John Yellowlees, First ScotRail.

1. Declaration of interest

The committee noted that there were no declarations of interest.

2. Minute of previous meeting

The minute of the meeting of 7 May 2010 (issued) was submitted and approved as a correct record.

3. Public transport services monitoring report

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 16 June 2010 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 considerable discussion and having heard Mr MacLennan advise members that discussions were ongoing on the preparation of a tender specification for the managing and advertising of Subway Park and Ride sites, the committee noted the contents of the report.

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4. Subsidised local bus service contract recommendations – financial implications

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 9 June 2010 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, 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.

5. Award of subsidised local bus service contracts

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After consideration of a report (issued) of 16 June 2010 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations) on tenders received for the award of subsidised local bus service contracts, the committee agreed to the award or otherwise of the undernoted contracts:-

Contract	Operator	Contract amount	Decision
Contract LS011D Coatbridge Sunnyside Station – Eurocentral – Strathclyde Business Park (service 416)	WJC Buses	£49,000	Accept. Lowest tender. Contract period 18 July 2010 to 15 January 2011. To be funded as detailed in the report.
Contract LS044B East Kilbride – Hamilton – Motherwell – Chapelhall – Harthill – Edinburgh (service 904)	Scottish Citylink	£25,300	Accept. Lowest tender. Contract period 18 July 2010 to 15 July 2011.
Contract LS052A Carluke – Lower Braidwood – Lanark (service 342)	Irvine's Coaches	£36,000	Accept. Lowest tender based on optional route and timetable which diverted two of the operator's existing service 48 journeys which operated between Lanark and Motherwell Town Centre via Lower Braidwood each way Monday to Saturday. Contract period 18 July 2010 to 15 July 2012.

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Contract	Operator	Contract amount	Decision
Contract LS056 Townhead – Coatbridge – Cliftonville – Monklands Hospital – Carnbroe (service 137) Previous ref 7 May 2010 (page 6, paragraph 11)	Henderson Travel	£27,892	Accept. Lowest tender. Contract period 1 November 2010 to 16 July 2011.
Contract LS057 Torbothie – Shotts – Morningside – Newmains – Wishaw General Hospital (service 26A) Previous ref 7 May 2010 (page 7, paragraph 11)	Stuart's Coaches Ltd	£150,400	Accept. Lowest tender, based on option to combine services 26A, 366 and 26, subject to minor timetable adjustments. Noted that due to the award of the contract, the operator would cancel contract LS023A, resulting in a net saving of £2,362 on the current annual equivalent cost of contract LS057. Contract period 14 November 2010 to 13 November 2013.
Contract LS058T Moodiesburn – Devro – Muirhead – Gartcosh – Townhead - Coatbridge – Cliftonville (service 232)	First Bus	£1,489 per week	Noted award of temporary contract to operate from 25 June 2010 in order that longer term contracts could be invited.
Contract LS061T Gartcosh – Marnoch – Moodiesburn – Chryston (service 233)	First Bus	£1,995 per week	Noted award of temporary contract to operate from 25 June 2010 in order that longer term contracts could be invited.
Contract LS08BT Bellshill – Strathclyde Business Park (service 299) Previous ref 7 May 2010 (page 5, paragraph 7)	First Bus	£445 per week	Accept. Contract period from 19 July 2010 to 26 November 2010. To be funded as detailed in the report.

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6. Proposed renewal of subsidised local bus service contract

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There was submitted and approved a report (issued) of 9 June 2010 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) reminding members that SPT, in accordance with past practice, had contributed toward several cross-boundary subsidised services pro rata to the mileage operated in respective Regional Transport Partnership areas; and
- (2) recommending that SPT continue to contribute to the Balfron – Glasgow subsidised cross boundary service (C8) administered by Stirling Council at a cost of £17,787 for the 24 month contract period.

7. Requests for subsidised local bus services

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 9 June 2010 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations), advising members of various requests for the provision of subsidised local bus services.

After consideration, the committee

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

Request

Provision of an express direct bus service from Newarthill to Glasgow via Carfin, Jerviston and Calder.

(item c)

Decision

The committee, having noted that SPT did not normally subsidise express services, agreed that bus operators be approached to determine whether any of them would consider provision of such a service on an unsubsidised basis and report back to a future committee.