

Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Minute of Operations Committee meeting

26 June 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 26 June 2009

Present	Councillors Alistair Watson (Chair), Archie Graham, Kaye Harmon, William Hendrie, Bobby McDill, Tommy Morrison, Eddie Phillips, John Reid, David Wilson and appointed members Tom Hart and Bill Ure.
Apologies	Councillors David Fagan, Bill Grant, Marie McGurk, Davie McLachlan and appointed member Ronnie Mellis.
Attending	Valerie A Bowen, Senior Clerk; Gordon MacLennan, Assistant Chief Executive (Operations); Alex Scott, DRT Officer and Neil Wylie, Director of Finance.
Also Attending	Claire Dickie, First ScotRail.

1. Minute of previous meeting

The minute of the meeting of 1 May 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 11 June 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 Messers MacLennan and Scott in further explanation of the report and Ms Dickie in answer to members' questions, the committee noted the contents of the report.

3. Subsidised local bus recommendations – financial implications

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 17 April 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.

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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 various reports (issued) by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations), outlining tenders received for the award and renewal of subsidised local bus services, the committee dealt with the contracts as undernoted:-

Agenda item No	Contract	Operator	Contract amount	Remarks
4.	Click here to view report			
Proposed award of new subsidised local bus service contracts	LS026A Kilsyth (Haughton Avenue) – Balmalloch (Kelvin Way)	First Glasgow (No 2)	£65,199	Award. 12 month contract.
	LS029 Kirkintilloch – Queenzieburn – Kilsyth – Banton	First Scotland East (First Edinburgh)	£34,100	Award. 3 year contract.
	LS032 Giffnock – Thornliebank	-	-	Tender withdrawn, further tenders to be sought.
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Proposed renewal of subsidised local bus service contracts	LS020D Luss/Helensburgh / Balmaha – Alexandria (services 305/306/309)	} } }Loch Lomond }Bus Services }Ltd }	£622,128 (package)	Award. 3 year contract (part funded by Stirling Council)
	LS021B Old Bonhill / Alexandria – Balmaha (service 309)	} } }		
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Proposed changes to subsidised local bus services	0964E1 Easterhouse – Shettleston (service 310)	Henderson Travel	-	Agree revision to route and timetable at no extra cost

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effective from
19 July 2009.

4489C Parkhead Forge – Cambuslang (service 108/308)	First Glasgow	-	Note revision to timetable and service number at no additional cost effective from 10 May 2009.
4489E Parkhead Forge – Cambuslang (service 108/308)	First Glasgow	-	Agree temporary revision of the route during M74 extension work at no additional cost effective from 19 July 2009.

7. **Funding arrangements: British Red Cross Society (North Ayrshire and Arran Transport and Escort Service)**

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With reference to the minute of 14 March 2008 (page 4, paragraph 7) when the committee had noted that SPT had provided funding of £43,822 to the British Red Cross Society (BRCS) as an interim measure while BRCS prepared a longer term funding proposal for the provision of a door-to-door transport and escort project in North Ayrshire and Arran which assisted the elderly, the infirm and the geographically isolated to attend healthcare appointments and visit relatives in hospital, there was submitted a report (issued) of 9 June 2009 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations) informing members

- (1) that BRCS had submitted a 3 year funding proposal to continue the programme at a cost of £217,874, which equated to £69,382 in 2009/2010, £72,479 in 2010/2011 and £76,013 in 2011/2012; and
- (2) that the total project cost over the 3 years was £263,948 with the balance of £46,074 being provided by a contribution from North Ayrshire Council and donations and fundraising from BRCS themselves.

After consideration, the committee agreed

- (a) to grant fund the BRCS at a cost of £69,382 for the current financial year and subject to future commitment of grant funding, £72,479 in 2010/2011 and £76,013 in 2011/2012, given that the North Ayrshire and Arran project accorded with the aims of the Regional Transport Strategy and with the aspirations of the West of Scotland Community Transport Forum; and

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- (b) that a report be submitted to a future meeting on how best to protect rural bus services.

8. Subway staff bus: award of contract

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After consideration of a report (issued) of 5 June 2009 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations) advising the committee that SPT had historically provided a staff bus to assist in the transport to or from Govan of staff essential for the early and late operation of the Subway, the committee agreed to award a contract for continuation of the service on a modified basis as outlined in the report, to Lindon Travel who submitted the lowest compliant tender, at a cost of £116,325 for 36 months.

9. Request for subsidised local bus service contracts

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 18 June 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) (b) (c) and (e); and
- (2) approved the recommendations in respect of the undernoted request: -

Request

Decision

Provision of an evening and Sunday bus service to operate on Dukes Road, Cambuslang (Item d)

The committee agreed that tenders be sought to evaluate the potential cost of an evening and Sunday bus service between Rutherglen, Dukes Road and Cambuslang.