

Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Minute of Operations Committee meeting

31 October 2008

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 31 October 2008

- Present** Councillors David McLachlan (Chair), David Fagan, Charlie Gilbert (Deputy), Bill Grant (Deputy), William Hendrie, Bobby McDill, Tommy Morrison, Chris Thompson, Alistair Watson and appointed members Tom Hart and Bill Ure.
- Apologies** Councillors Kaye Harmon, Marie McGurk, Bill McIntosh and Eddie Phillips.
- Attending** Valerie Davidson, Secretary; Gordon MacLennan, Assistant Chief Executive (Operations); Eric Stewart, Director, Bus Operations and Neil Wylie, Director of Finance.
- Also Attending** John Yellowlees, First ScotRail.

1. Minute of previous meeting

The minute of the meeting of 5 September 2008 (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 9 October 2008 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.

After considerable discussion and having heard Messers MacLennan and Stewart in answer to members' questions and Mr Yellowlees provide statistics on the rail patronage via Gilmour Street rail station, Paisley, 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 21 October 2008 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 2008/09, 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. Proposed award of temporary local bus contracts 0902T and 3699T2

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 21 October 2008 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) outlining tenders received for the award of temporary subsidised local bus service contracts 0902T Rutherglen/Bankhead – Glasgow (service 7) and 3699T2 Govan – Victoria Hospital (service 121) in order to secure the continued operation of socially necessary journeys until longer term contracts could be awarded; and
- (2) recommending the award of the following temporary contracts which would operate from 7 November 2008 until 31 January 2009:-
 - (a) contract 0902T Rutherglen/Bankhead – Glasgow (service 7) to First Glasgow (No 1) Ltd at a cost of £387 per week; and
 - (b) contract 3699T2 Govan – Victoria Hospital (service 121) to Arriva Serving Scotland at a cost of £1,127.59 per week.

After discussion, the committee

- (i) agreed to the recommendations; and
- (ii) noted that tenders would be invited for longer term contracts for consideration at a future Operations Committee meeting.

5. Proposed change to subsidised local bus service – contract 4945F

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 14 October 2008 detailing a proposed change to subsidised local bus service contract 4945F Carluke – Law – Hamilton via Ferniegair (service 243) in order to improve reliability.

After discussion, the committee agreed that the route and timetable of contract 4945F be revised to include additional running time between Law Village, Garrion Bridge and Hamilton Bus Station from early January 2009.

6. Requests for subsidised local bus services

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 9 October 2008 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 subsidised local bus service requests at paragraphs (b) – (f) of the report; and

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(2) approved the recommendations in respect of the undernoted requests: -

Request

Decision

Provision of a bus service on a Sunday between Riddrie and Parkhead.

The committee agreed that tenders be invited.

(Item a)

Provision of a bus service in the Brackenbrae area of Bishopbriggs.

The committee agreed that tenders be invited.

(Item g)

7. Conference

The committee agreed that Councillors David McLachlan and David Fagan be authorised to attend the conference entitled "Moving on: The future of the UK Bus Industry" to be held in London on 2 December 2008.