

## Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

### Minute of Operations Committee meeting

**2 May 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 2 May 2008

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**Present** Councillors Davie McLachlan (Chair), David Fagan, Alex Glass (deputy), Kaye Harmon, Marie McGurk, Bill McIntosh, Tommy Morrison, Eddie Philips, John Reid and Chris Thompson and appointed member Bill Ure.

**Apologies** Councillors Douglas Hay, William Hendrie, Bobby McDill, Alistair Watson and David Wilson and appointed member Tom Hart.

**Attending** Valerie Davidson, Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support)/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. Chair's remarks

The Chair, on behalf of SPT, congratulated Hamilton Accies on their success in the First Division and wished the team all the best in 2008-09 in the Scottish Premier League.

### 2. Minute of previous meeting

The minute of the meeting of 14 March 2008 (issued) was submitted and approved, subject to the addition of Councillor Eddie Philips in the list of apologises.

### 3. Public transport services monitoring report

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 14 April 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 Scotrail services in the SPT area and services directly operated and supported by the Partnership; and

(2) providing statistics in relation to SPT's six point bus action plan for the continuing improvement of bus service delivery within the region.

Having heard Messrs Maclennan and Stewart in further explanation of the report and Mr. Yellowlees in answer to members' questions, the committee noted the contents of the report.

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**4. Subsidised local bus service recommendations – financial implications**

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 17 April 2008 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support) advising the committee of the financial impact 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 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.

**5. Renewal of Demand Responsive Transport (DRT) contracts**

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With reference to the minute of the Partnership of 18 April 2008 (page 10, paragraph 11) when the Partnership had

- (1) considered a report on tenders received for the supply of 19 adaptable buses to operate Demand Responsive, Dial-a-Bus and supported local bus services which would be supplied to respective operators on a full repair and lease basis; and
- (2) agreed that, subject to detailed minor adjustments,
  - (a) 15 vehicles be procured from Allied Vehicles at a cost of £1,205,775; and
  - (b) 4 vehicles be procured from Optare at a cost of £359,200,

there was submitted a report (issued) of 24 April 2008 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (a) detailing tenders received for the renewal of various Demand Responsive Transport (DRT) contracts which had included an option that SPT would supply the vehicles required for the various services and lease to the respective operators;
- (b) explaining
  - (i) that as the new vehicles purchased by SPT might not be delivered in time for the scheduled renewal date of the contracts, tender prices for the award of temporary contracts with the operator providing the vehicles had been invited until the SPT supplied vehicles were in place; and
  - (ii) that although the cost of each full-period contract would be adjusted on a pro-rata basis to take account of the eventual start date, it was intended that the contract end date in each case should remain 13 July 2013; and
- (c) recommending that the committee approve
  - (i) the award of the following contracts:-

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- (A) contract 9561C Central Lanarkshire Dial-a-Bus to Henderson Travel at a cost of £2,050,341 for the contract period, equivalent to £500,668 per annum, with the costs apportioned as detailed in the report;
  - (B) contract 9575C North Ayrshire Dial-a-Bus to Shuttle Buses at a cost of £705,563 for the contract period, equivalent to £141,112 per annum, with the costs apportioned as detailed in the report;
  - (C) contract 9581C Three Valleys Ring 'n' Ride to Henderson Travel at a cost of £963,031 for the contract period, equivalent to £192,606 per annum, with the costs apportioned as detailed in the report; and
  - (D) contract 9590A Greater Glasgow Dial-a-Bus to Henderson Travel at a cost of £327,533 for the contract period, equivalent to £65,506 per annum, with the costs apportioned as detailed in the report; and
- (ii) the award of the following temporary contracts which would operate from 13 July 2008 until the vehicles supplied by SPT were in place:-
- (A) contract 9561C3 Central Lanarkshire Dial-a-Bus to Henderson Travel at a cost of £13,792 per week, with the costs apportioned as detailed in the report;
  - (B) contract 9575C3 North Ayrshire Dial-a-Bus to Avondale Coaches at a cost of £4,248 per week, with the costs apportioned as detailed in the report;
  - (C) contract 9581C3 Three Valleys Ring 'n' Ride to Henderson Travel at a cost of £5,691 per week, with the costs apportioned as detailed in the report; and
  - (D) contract 9590A3 Greater Glasgow Dial-a-Bus to McDades Coaches at a cost of £1,674 per week, with the costs apportioned as detailed in the report.

After having heard Mr Stewart in further explanation and in answer to members' questions, the committee approved the recommendations at (c) above.

## **6. Renewal of subsidised local bus service contracts**

After consideration of reports (issued) by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations) on tenders received for various local bus services, the committee agreed to award the undernoted contracts:

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Agenda Item No <a href="#">Click here to view report</a>	Contract	Operator	Contract Amount	Equivalent Annual Cost	Remarks
5. Renewal of subsidised local bus service contracts	0957G1 Partick Bus Station – Gartnavel Hospital (service 92)	Glasgow Citybus Ltd	£54,950	£10,990	-
	0964E1 Easterhouse – Shettleston (service 310)	Henderson Travel	£378,326	£126,108.66	Curtailed service as a result of a commercial registration granted to operate part of the route
	2867C Kirkintilloch – Twechar (service 327)	Henderson Travel	£104,432	£34,810.67	-
	4198B1 Wishaw – Harthill (service 366)	Stuart's Coaches Ltd	£343,200	£68,640	-
	4469C Monklands – Airdrie – Thrashbush (service 111)	Henderson Travel	£108,528	£36,176	Optional timetable. Performance to be closely monitored
	4840D East Kilbride – Uplawnmoor (service 395)	Henderson Travel	£537,780	£179,260	Agreed subject to approval from East Renfrewshire Council
	4846L East Kilbride – Strathaven – Hamilton (service 13) and 4974B Cambuslang – East	Henderson Travel	£210,000	£68,108	Agreed as package no. 14179

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	Kilbride (Service 172)				
	4856K1 Netherburn – Hamilton (service 255), 4874E1 Coalburn – Hamilton (service 253) and 4904R1 Hamilton – Strathaven (service 254)	Whitelaw Coaches Ltd	£578,327	£115,665	Agreed as package no. 14117
	4897B1 Lanark Local (service 105/335)	Stuart's Coaches	£67,500	£13,500	-
	4898S North Motherwell – Bellshill (service 209)	Henderson Travel	£124,222	£41,407	-
	4946E1 Wishaw – Overtown – Larkhall (service 242)	Whitelaw Coaches Ltd	£171,982	£34,396	-
	4948D1 Blantyre – Hairmyres Hospital (service 205)	Irvine's Coaches	£95,650	£19,130	Agreed based on the vehicle being in the operator's own livery
	6266N Ayr – New Cumnock (service 43)	Western Buses Ltd	£371,399	£123,799	Agreed based on a revised route in Ayr town centre
	6544L Irvine – Beith (service 125)	Western Buses Ltd	£405,000	£135,000	-

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	8811B1 Carrick Castle – Arrochar – Lochgoilhead Primary (service 302)	Garelochhead Coaches Ltd	£279,000	£55,800	Subject to approval from Argyll & Bute Council
	4651B Wishaw – Carbarns (service 48)	Irvine's Coaches Ltd	£3,700	£22,200 (subsequently revised to £24,050)	8 week contract
	LS006B Wishaw Local (service 93)	Henderson Travel	£153,015	£54,005	-
	LS009 Dumbarton – Tullichewan (service 206)	First Glasgow (No 2) Ltd	£134,735	£44,911	-
6.	<a href="#">Click here to view report</a>				
Award of new local bus service contract	LS010 Hamilton Interchange - Whitehall – Earnock (service 277/228)	Henderson Travel	£31,055	£10,351.67	-
7.	<a href="#">Click here to view report</a>				
Award of new local bus service contract	LS008 Allanton – Bellshill – Strathclyde Business Park	Stuart's Coaches Ltd	£62,400	£62,400	For a period of 12 months less partner contribution of £6000. Vehicle provided by SPT

**7. Renewal of subsidised local bus service: Subway Nightrider**

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With reference to the minute of the Partnership of 23 February 2007 (page 7, paragraph 10) when the Partnership had agreed to award a contract for a Subway Nightrider bus

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service to First Glasgow, in the sum of £296,303 for a period of 15 months, there was submitted a report (issued) of 24 April 2008 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) intimating
  - (a) that patronage had been disappointing with an average of approximately 320 passengers utilising the service per weekend;
  - (b) that an analysis of trends had indicated that approximately 60% of passengers travelled on part of the route Byres Road, Govan and St Enoch's; and
  - (c) that, as a result of these findings, tenders had been sought for a restricted service operating every 30 minutes between Botanic Gardens and Central Station, via Partick and Govan;
- (2) advising members that the lowest acceptable tender received equated to a cost per passenger of around £8.17 based on estimated patronage; and
- (3) recommending that, in view of the subsidy costs associated with both the current service and restricted alternative, such expenditure could not be justified and that no further provision be secured.

After discussion, the committee approved the recommendation at (3) above.

## **8. Request for subsidised local bus services**

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 22 April 2008 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations) advising members of various requests for the provision of subsidised local bus services.

After discussion, the committee agreed to take no further action in respect of the requests outlined in the report.

## **9. Application for EC funding under Interreg IVb North West Europe area – Integrated Transport with Care**

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 24 April 2008 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) informing members
  - (a) of the North West Europe (NWE) Programme, also known as "INTERREG IVB NWE", which supported organisations in North West Europe who wished to work with other regions to find solutions to integrated social care services; and
  - (b) that between 2007 and 2013, the programme would allocate €355million of funding to the most innovative and ambitious projects, with applications invited twice a year during this period;

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- (2) advising members
  - (a) that an approach had been made by Greater Manchester Passenger Transport Executive (GMPT) as lead authority, for SPT and a range of other European partners to join them in making an application for funding for a project aimed at bridging mobility gaps;
  - (b) that SPT would participate on the basis of carrying out work aimed at modelling price and cost structures in an integrated transport system and contribute to the development of an ICT Roadmap for ICT-aided Mobility Management; and
  - (c) that the anticipated cost for SPT's element of the project over the three year period which would be eligible for grant was £219,000 of which £109,500 in match funding would be provided by SPT. These costs are already planned and will be directed to the project;
- (3) explaining
  - (a) that the project represented an excellent opportunity for SPT to obtain funding to investigate and resolve issues which had been identified in ongoing work with partners in integrated transport with care projects; and
  - (b) that the cross border experience would provide viewpoints on mobility enhancements which were likely to provide alternative models for SPT to use in enhancing services.

After discussion, the committee agreed

- (i) that SPT participate in the "Mobility Gains: Bridging Mobility Gaps: Towards an Integrated Social Needs Mobility" project group led by GMPT; and
- (ii) that SPT meet the match funding required of £109,500 from existing resources.