



### Requests for subsidised local bus services

**Committee**            Operations

**Date of meeting**    09 November 2018

**Date of report**    25 October 2018

**Report by Assistant Chief Executive**

#### 1. Object of report

To recommend the Committee note the requests received for subsidised local bus services and approves the recommended actions detailed below.

#### 2. Background

- (a) To provide an additional subsidised bus service via Drumgelloch – Upperton – Longriggend – Caldercruix – Plains - Drumgelloch **Recommend:** No Action. Existing (subsidised) provision in these communities is compliant with SPT Guideline Criteria.  
*Council area: North Lanarkshire Council*  
*Origin of request: Councillor*
- (b) To provide a direct link between communities in the east end of Glasgow (south of Edinburgh Road) and Glasgow Royal Infirmary **Recommend:** No Action. Journey can be made via interchange on existing local bus services, which is compliant with SPT Guideline Criteria.  
*Council area: Glasgow City Council*  
*Origin of request: MP*
- (c) To provide a subsidised local bus service in the Portincaple / Whistlefield area of Garelochhead **Recommend:** No Action. Likely low usage would result in a subsidy cost per passenger in excess of that deemed acceptable.  
*Council area: Argyll and Bute Council*  
*Origin of request: Councillor*
- (d) To reinstate an early evening subsidised service 348 journey between Croy Station – Carrickstone, removed in July as part of the contract renewal exercise. **Recommend:** No Action. The operation of this particular journey would require the use of an additional vehicle resource and as a consequence, result in a subsidy cost per passenger in excess of SPT Guideline Criteria.  
*Council area: North Lanarkshire Council*  
*Origin of request: Customer*

- (e) To provide a subsidised local bus service via the Westcraigs area of Blantyre  
**Recommend:** No Action. Likely low usage would result in a subsidy cost per passenger in excess of that deemed acceptable. SPT has contacted local bus operators inviting them to consider the commercial potential of a service via the area, but received no positive responses to the request.  
*Council area: South Lanarkshire Council*  
*Origin of request: MP*
- (f) To provide additional links between the Greater Pollok area and Queen Elizabeth University Hospital campus (QEUH) **Recommend:** No Action. Journey can be made directly and via interchange on existing local bus services, which is compliant with SPT Guideline Criteria.  
*Council area: Glasgow City Council*  
*Origin of request: Councillor*
- (g) To provide a subsidised local bus service via the Southdeen Avenue area of Drumchapel **Recommend:** No Action. Alternative local bus service provision with satisfactory service levels (First Glasgow services 3, 6A, 16, 60, M60 and Avondale's service 200, 400), are available via bus stops within a walking distance which is compliant with SPT Guideline Criteria.  
*Council area: Glasgow City Council*  
*Origin of request: Community Council*

### 3. Committee action

The Committee is asked to agree the recommendations.

### 4. Consequences

Policy consequences: *None directly.*

Legal consequences: *None directly.*

Financial consequences: *No financial consequences.*

Personnel consequences: *None directly.*

Equalities consequences: *None directly.*

Risk consequences: *None directly.*

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