

Amendments to subsidised local bus service contracts

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Date of report 30 July 2025

Report by Head of Bus Strategy & Delivery

1. Object of report

To advise the Committee of amendments to subsidised local bus service contracts since the last Operations Committee meeting on 25 April 2025.

2. Background to report

It is necessary at times to adjust subsidised local bus service contracts to react to external factors, such as changes in the commercial local bus network, traffic management issues and temporary restrictions on the local road network. Such adjustments are actioned to ensure, as far as possible, service continuity to the travelling public.

In addition to the contracts detailed in Appendix 1, SPT regularly instructs minor adjustments to a number of other contracts to align their delivery on local and national public holidays with commercial provision.

SPT ensures that all subsidised local bus service contracts are monitored and reviewed on a regular basis, in respect of contract programme and value for money.

3. Outline of proposals

Appendix 1 details the subsidised local bus service contracts amended through delegated powers since the last Operations Committee meeting of 25 April 2025.

4. Committee action

The Committee is recommended to note the amendments to subsidised local bus service contracts, in accordance with established corporate governance, financial regulation and contract standing orders.

5. Consequences

Policy consequences	<i>In line with the Regional Transport Strategy and SPT's framework for local bus services.</i>
Legal consequences	<i>All amendments are permitted in accordance with the terms and conditions of contract for transport services.</i>
Financial consequences	<i>The amendments to contracts detailed in this committee paper will result in reduced costs of £84,491 to SPT in</i>

	<i>2025/2026 when compared to projected costs included in the approved 2025/2026 budget for these contracts.</i>
Personnel consequences	<i>None directly.</i>
Equalities consequences	<i>The proposals support continued operation of local bus services or, where service changes have resulted in impacts, mitigate the impact of a reduced commercial local bus services. Where contracts have been terminated or reduced this reflects commercial market provision or local demand and is not considered to have a significant detrimental impact.</i>
Risk consequences	<i>None directly.</i>
Climate Change, Adaptation & Carbon consequences	<i>Supported bus services help reduce transport emissions through encouraging modal shift to more sustainable travel.</i>

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APPENDIX 1

Amendments to subsidised local bus service contracts

Contract	Service No	Description	Operator	Effective date	Remarks	Cost Effect.	Local Authority
W007D	121	Govan - Victoria Hospital	McGill's Buses	30 March 2025	Contract termination: last day of operation being 29 March 2025. Contract awarded to operate from 15 July 2018 until 12 July 2025.	£2,063 decrease per week. (total reduction over remaining contract period £30,957)	GCC
2829S	71A	Torrance - Glasgow	PVT Transfer	20 April 2025	Amendment to the timetable of service 71A as a consequence of commercial network changes by First Bus. Contract awarded to operate from 14 July 2024 until 10 July 2027.	£250 decrease per week. (total reduction over the remaining contract period £29,000)	EDC GCC
W122C	M4	Anniesland - Partick	Glasgow Citybus	28 April 2025	Amendment to the timetable of service M4 to improve timeliness and departure stance allocations from Partick Interchange. Contract awarded to operate from 16 July 2023 until 11 July 2026.	Cost Neutral	GCC
6521H	322 323 323/A 324	Brodick - Blackwaterfoot	Stagecoach Western Buses	29 April 2025	Revised timetables to improve passenger connections with a revised temporary ferry timetable, from 29 April 2025 until the 8 June 2025. Contract awarded to operate from 31 March 2019 until 12 July 2025.	£150 increase per week. (total increase over contract variation period £900)	NAC
W121E	49	Southpark Village - Silverburn - Govan	McGill's Buses	13 July 2025	Amendment to the timetable of service 49 to improve timeliness, from contract commencement. Contract awarded to operate from 13 July 2025 until 15 July 2028.	Cost Neutral	GCC
7918K	545	Greenock - Inverclyde Royal Hospital - McInroy's Point	McGill's Buses	13 July 2025	Amendment to the timetable of service 545 to improve timeliness, from contract commencement. Contract awarded to operate from 13 July 2025 until 15 July 2028.	Cost Neutral	IC
W008D	93 193 210	Coltness - Wishaw - Netherton (service 93) Parkside - Wishaw - Pather (service 193) Lawhill - Wishaw General (service 210)	JMB Travel	13 July 2025	26 weeks contract extension, from 13 July 2025 until 10 January 2026. Contract awarded to operate from 5 February 2023 until 13 July 2025.	£240 increase per week. (total increase over the extended contract period £6,252)	NLC SLC
W130F	147 247	Monklands Hospital - Cumbernauld - Kilsyth/Kirkintilloch	JMB Travel	13 July 2025	Amendment to the timetable of service 247 as a consequence of commercial network changes by Canavan Travel. Contract awarded to operate from 13 July 2025 until 15 July 2028.	£350 decrease per week. (total decrease over the remaining contract period £54,600)	EDC NLC

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4980L	14	Rutherglen - Fernhill	McGill's Buses	13 July 2025	Amendment to the awarded timetable of service 14 at the request of the operator. Contract awarded to operate from 13 July 2025 until 15 July 2028.	Cost Neutral	SLC
LS083K	165	Rutherglen - Cambuslang	McGill's Buses	13 July 2025	Amendment to the awarded timetable of service 165 at the request of the operator. Contract awarded to operate from 13 July 2025 until 15 July 2028.	Cost Neutral	SLC
2838N	72 178/A/B	Kirkintilloch - Robroyston - Glasgow (service 72) Moodiesburn - Kirkintilloch (service 178/A/B)	Midland Bluebird	13 July 2025	Amendment to the route and timetable of service 72 to offer improved penetration of the Sighthill Transformational Regeneration Area. Contract awarded to operate from 13 July 2025 until 15 July 2028.	Cost Neutral	EDC GCC NLC
W097G	374	Shawlands - Clarkston - Silverburn	Todd's Travel	13 July 2025	Amendment to the awarded timetable of service 374 to improve departure stance allocations from Silverburn Bus Station. Contract awarded to operate from 13 July 2025 until 15 July 2028.	Cost Neutral	GCC ERC
W132D	3	Glasgow - Barrhead	McGill's Buses	13 July 2025	Amendment to the timetable of service 3 as a consequence of commercial network changes by McGills Buses. Contract awarded to operate from 13 July 2024 until 10 July 2027.	Cost Neutral	GCC ERC
W010G	248/C	Holytown - Wishaw General Hospital (service 248) Law – Airdrie/Monklands Hospital (service 248C)	Stuarts Coaches	13 July 2025	Amendment to the timetable of service 248C to include coverage of Salsburgh on Monday to Friday mornings under service 248A, and to include daytime service to Gartness within service 248C (Monday to Friday), following commercial network changes implemented by McNairns Coaches. Contract awarded for operation from 13 July 2025 to 15 July 2028.	£95 increase per week. (total increase over the extended contract period £14,987)	NLC SLC
W175A	42/A	Monklands Hospital/Airdrie – Calderbank/Motherwell	JMB Travel	13 July 2025	Amendment to the awarded optional timetable at the request of the operator, in-line with commercial network expansion. Contract awarded to operate from 13 July 2024 until 10 July 2027.	Cost Neutral	NLC
6801M	320	Cumrae Slip - Millport Pier	Millport Motors	26 October 2025	12 months contract extension, from 26 October 2025 until 24 October 2026.	£85 increase per week. (total increase over the extended contract period £4,467)	NAC