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## **Strathclyde Partnership for Transport**

### **Minute of Operations Committee meeting**

**2 September 2011**

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 September 2011

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**Present** Councillors Denis McKenna (Chair), Harry Curran, Gilbert Davidson, David Fagan, Bill Grant, William Hendrie, Alan Moir, Bill Perrie, Eddie Philips and David Wilson and appointed member Tom Hart.

**Attending** Valerie Davidson, Secretary; Gordon MacLennan, Chief Executive; Eric Stewart, Assistant Chief Executive (Operations); Bruce Kiloh, Director of Bus Operations; Alex Scott, Bus Contract Manager, Pat Doherty, Public Transport Officer and Bryan Tennant, Public Transport Officer.

**Also Attending:** John Yellowlees, First ScotRail

### 1. Apologies

Apologies were submitted from Councillors Jonathan Findlay, Bobby McDill and Chris Thompson and Appointed Member Bill Ure.

### 2. Declaration of interest

The committee noted that there were no declarations of interest.

### 3. Minute of previous meeting

The minute of the meeting of 24 June 2011 (issued) was submitted and approved as a correct record.

### 4. Public transport services monitoring report

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 23 August 2011 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 five point bus action plan for the continuing improvement of bus service delivery within the region, together with regulating and fleet profile statistics.

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After discussion and having heard Messrs Stewart and Yellowlees in answer to members' questions, the committee noted the contents of the report.

**5. Subsidised local bus service contract recommendations – financial implications**

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 19 August 2011 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support) advising the committee of the financial implications of members' possible decisions relating to further items on the agenda.

After discussion, 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.

**6. Homologation of subsidised local bus contracts 5645T and L5083T**

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There was submitted and noted a report (issued) of 18 August 2011 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations) advising of action which had been taken by SPT, in order to maintain socially necessary services as a result of recent changes to the bus network.

After discussion and having heard Mr Stewart in further explanation and Mr Tennant in answer to members' questions, the committee noted

- (1) that contract 5645T Royal Alexandra Hospital – Paisley (service 169) had been awarded to Arriva Scotland West at a cost of £247 per week from 17 July to 19 November 2011, in order that tender prices could be invited for a new long term contract to commence from 20 November 2011; and
- (2) that contract L5083T Rutherglen – Cambuslang Cairns (service 165) had been extended with Henderson Travel from 17 July to 24 September 2011 at a cost of £100 per week. Thereafter, the journey would be incorporated within the long term contract (L5083) awarded previously to First Glasgow.

**7. Award of subsidised local bus service contracts**

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There was submitted a report of 19 August 2011 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) reminding members of the temporary arrangements which had been put in place, following the withdrawal of a number of commercial services and revisions to the bus network, in order to allow SPT time to assess the position and prepare tenders for longer term contracts;
- (2) providing information on the tenders received for new subsidised local bus services; and
- (3) recommending the award of appropriate contracts.

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After discussion and having heard Mr Stewart in further explanation and Mr Doherty in answer to members' questions, the committee

- (a) approved the award of the following contracts:-
- (i) contract LS056A Townhead – Coatbridge – Monklands – Carnbroe (service 137) to First Glasgow at a cost of £87,078 for the contract period 20 November 2011 to 12 July 2014;
  - (ii) contract LS076A Coatbridge – Caldercruix (service 312) to Henderson Travel at a cost of £61,820 for the contract period 20 November 2011 to 13 July 2013;
  - (iii) contract W004 Townhead – Coatbridge (service 117) to First Glasgow at a cost of £7,616 for the contract period 20 November 2011 to 14 July 2012;
  - (iv) contract LS091 Kilwinning Local (service 320) to Stagecoach Western Buses at a cost of £89,555 for the contract period 20 November 2011 to 12 July 2014;
  - (v) LS095 Queenslie – Cranhill – City Centre (service 213A) to First Glasgow at a cost of £28,084 for the contract period 20 November 2011 to 14 July 2012;
  - (vi) LS097 Old Kilpatrick – Antonine Park – Clydebank (service 184) to Loch Lomond Bus Services Ltd at a cost of £120,000 for the contract period 20 November 2011 to 12 July 2014;
  - (vii) W001 City Centre – Mansewood (service 129) to First Glasgow at a cost of £54,372 for the contract period 20 November 2011 to 12 July 2014; and
  - (viii) W003 Glasgow – Barrhead (service 103) to First Glasgow at a cost of £61,920 for the contract period 20 November 2011 to 13 July 2013;
- (b) agreed that, due to the high cost of the sole tender received, which exceeded the maximum subsidy cost outlined in SPT's guideline criteria, no award be made for contract LS094 City Centre – Milton (service 31); and
- (c) noted that formal awards of the above contracts were subject to satisfaction of the requirements of the mandatory standstill period for public sector contracts.

## **8. Proposed renewal of subsidised local bus service contract**

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There was submitted and approved a report (issued) of 19 August 2011 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations) recommending that the committee

- (1) agree to the approval of the award of contract LS044E East Kilbride – Edinburgh (service 904) to Scottish Citylink at a cost of £23,812 for the contract period 3 October 2011 to 13 July 2012, following the expiry of the current contract on 30 September 2011; and

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- (2) note that formal award of the contract was subject to satisfaction of the requirements of the mandatory standstill period for public sector contracts.

## **9. Amendments to subsidised local bus service contracts**

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After consideration of a report (issued) of 19 August 2011 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations) detailing recent and proposed changes to subsidised local bus service contracts in order to maintain socially necessary services as a result of changes to the network by First Glasgow, the committee noted

- (1) that the timetable for contract 0914E Glasgow Inner Circle (service 89/90) (service 208) provided by Henderson Travel had been revised as detailed in the report to include additional evening journeys at an additional cost of £747 per week from 24 July 2011 to 14 July 2012; and
- (2) that the timetable for contract LS083 Rutherglen – Cambuslang Cairns (service 165) provided by First Glasgow would be revised as detailed in the report to include additional evening journeys from Monday – Saturday at an additional cost of £175 per week from 26 September 2011 to 12 July 2014.

## **10. Enhanced DRT funding application: Community Transport Glasgow**

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 24 August 2011 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) advising members that SPT managed the grant funding of community transport projects on behalf of its constituent authorities;
- (2) informing members of the work of Community Transport Glasgow (CTG) which was a partnership body of four community transport groups working in Glasgow to provide, promote and support the delivery of high quality, reliable and accessible transport to the communities of Glasgow;
- (3) reminding members
  - (a) that initially a funding application of £300,000 had been submitted by CTG which equated to £100,000 per annum over a three year period; and
  - (b) that funding of £100,000 had been awarded to CTG for 2010/2011 with funding over future years to be considered at a later date pending the establishment of a West of Scotland Community Transport Forum and the condition of future grant funding awards being contingent upon membership of that body; and
- (4) recommending that whilst the West of Scotland Community Transport Forum was currently in development, funding of £100,000 be provided to CTG for 2011/2012, subject to CTG becoming a member as soon as the Forum was confirmed.

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After discussion, the committee

- (i) approved the recommendation at (4) above; and
- (ii) authorised the Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support) to sign a grant funding letter to CTG.

## 11. Requests for subsidised local bus services

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 24 August 2011 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations) advising members of various requests for the provision of subsidised local bus services.

After discussion and having heard Mr Stewart in answer to members' questions and Councillor Moir congratulate Mr Stewart and his team for their efforts made in the re-instatement of a journey on service 68 between Torrance and Buchanan Bus Station, the committee

- (1) agreed not to take any further action in respect of the local subsidised bus service requests at paragraphs (a), (c) – (f) and (h) – (j); and
- (2) noted the position in respect of the undernoted requests: -

### **Request**

### **Decision**

Extension of the route of subsidised bus service 94 to include Cowal Road, Maryhill on its route between Kinghwood, Anniesland and Maryhill Centre.

Agreed that options should be discussed with the current contract holder.

(Report item b)

Replacement of the journey withdrawn by Henderson Travel on service 68 between Torrance and Buchanan Bus Station.

Noted that as a result of SPT's intervention, this journey had been reinstated by the operator on 29 August 2011.

(Report item g)