

Amendments to subsidised local bus service contracts

Date of meeting 7 November 2025

Date of report 14 October 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 22 August 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 22 August 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>The amendments are permitted in accordance with SPT's terms and conditions for transport contracts.</i>
Financial consequences	<i>The amendments to contracts detailed in this committee paper will result in additional costs of £44,441 to SPT in</i>

	<i>2025/2026 when compared to current projections for these contracts.</i>
Personnel consequences	<i>None directly.</i>
Equalities consequences	<i>The proposals support continued operation of local bus services providing transport services for people who might otherwise be excluded.</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
W060E	576 578	Greenock - Largs (service 576) Greenock - Upper Skelmorlie – Largs (service 578)	McGill's Buses	26 October 2025	Minor amendment to the timetables of services 576 and 578 to improve timeliness. Contract awarded to operate from 14 July 2024 until 10 July 2027.	Cost Neutral	IC NAC
W087E	64 164 364	Halfway/Newton Farm - Parkhead - Glasgow (service 64/364) Newton Farm - Carmyle - Parkhead (service 364)	McGill's Buses	26 October 2025	Minor amendment to the timetables of services 64, 164 and 364, to improve timeliness. Contract awarded to operate from 16 July 2023 until 11 July 2026.	Cost Neutral	GCC SLC
LS083K	165	Rutherglen - Cambuslang - Cairns (service 165)	McGill's Buses	26 October 2025	Minor amendment to the timetable of service 165 to improve timeliness. Contract awarded to operate from 13 July 2025 until 15 July 2028.	Cost Neutral	SLC
W045H	49 124 153	Silverburn - Shawlands (service 49) Govan - Cardonald (service 124) Glasgow/Cessnock - Silverburn (service 153)	McGill's Buses	26 October 2025	Amendment to the timetables of services 124 and 153 to improve timeliness. Contract awarded to operate from 13 July 2025 until 15 July 2028.	Cost Neutral	GCC
W180T	307	Johnstone - Howwood - Lochwinnoch Station	McGill's Buses	16 November 2025	8 weeks contract extension, from 16 November 2025 until 10 January 2026. Contract awarded to operate from 18 May 2025 until 15 November 2025.	£1,052 per week. (Total cost £8,416)	RC
W134T3	117 202	Townhead - Carnbroe (service 117) Monklands Hospital - Salsburgh (service 202)	ARG Travel	11 January 2026	13 weeks contract extension, from 11 January 2026 until 11 April 2026. Contract awarded to operate from 13 July 2025 until 10 January 2026.	£1,735 per week (Total cost £22,562)	NLC
W138T3	312/A	Coatbridge/Monklands Hospital - Plains - Caldercruix	ARG Travel	11 January 2026	13 weeks contract extension, from 11 January 2026 until 11 April 2026. Contract awarded to operate from 13 July 2025 until 10 January 2026.	£1,121 per week. (Total cost £14,582)	NLC