



University of West of Scotland, Lanarkshire Campus Bus Services

Committee Operations

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Report by Senior Director

1. Object of report

To update the Committee on SPT activities in support of the establishment of bus services to University of West of Scotland's new Lanarkshire Campus.

2. Background

In 2016 University of West of Scotland (UWS) confirmed plans for a new campus located at Hamilton Technology Park, to replace the previous campus in Hamilton town centre. Opening in September 2018, approximately 4,000 students and 300 staff will attend the new campus. Undergraduate and Post-Graduate courses are offered in a wide range of subjects including Business, Law, Healthcare, Bio-sciences, Engineering & Technology, Social Sciences and Sports.

While the new campus is well connected to the road network, being situated close to the A725 Hamilton to East Kilbride trunk road and having circa 1,000 car parking spaces, it is not currently well served by public transport. The closest bus services are infrequent, limited in coverage and operate a significant distance away from the new campus site.

In respect of rail links, Hamilton West and Hamilton Central stations are located approximately 2.5 and 3 miles from the new campus respectively. Both stations are expected to be key interchange points for students and staff travelling to the new campus.

Similarly, for those travelling to the campus from nearby East Kilbride, public transport access is poor.

Accordingly, in early 2018 UWS asked SPT to assist with efforts to improve public transport to the site from Hamilton and East Kilbride.

3. Outline of proposals

In support of improving Public Transport, in particular bus links to the UWS Lanarkshire Campus, SPT arranged a number of meetings with UWS and bus operators, in order for UWS to share details of the new campus, expected staff and student numbers, postcode spread etc., with the intention of stimulating a commercial response.

Following these meetings, First Glasgow Ltd has registered two new services to serve the new UWS Lanarkshire Campus. Commencing 3 September 2018, service U1 will link Hamilton Bus Station with the Lanarkshire Campus, whilst service U2 will link East Kilbride Bus Station with the Lanarkshire Campus. These services are being operated by First Glasgow on a commercial basis, i.e. without subsidy.

A map showing the route of the new services is shown in Appendix 1 and the timetable is included in Appendix 2.

Further to the above, on 11 June 2018 a press release was issued in relation to the new service. This can be viewed in Appendix 3.

Whilst the move by First Glasgow to commercially register services U1 and U2 is to be welcomed, the risk in establishing such new services is also acknowledged. Therefore, SPT officers will continue to engage with UWS and First Glasgow to monitor the success of initiative and to share information on the new services with all relevant parties.

4. Conclusions

SPT has played a key role in bringing UWS and the bus operators together, with a positive outcome for students and staff through the establishment of the U1 and U2 bus services.

5. Committee action

The Operations Committee is requested to note the content of this report.

6. Consequences

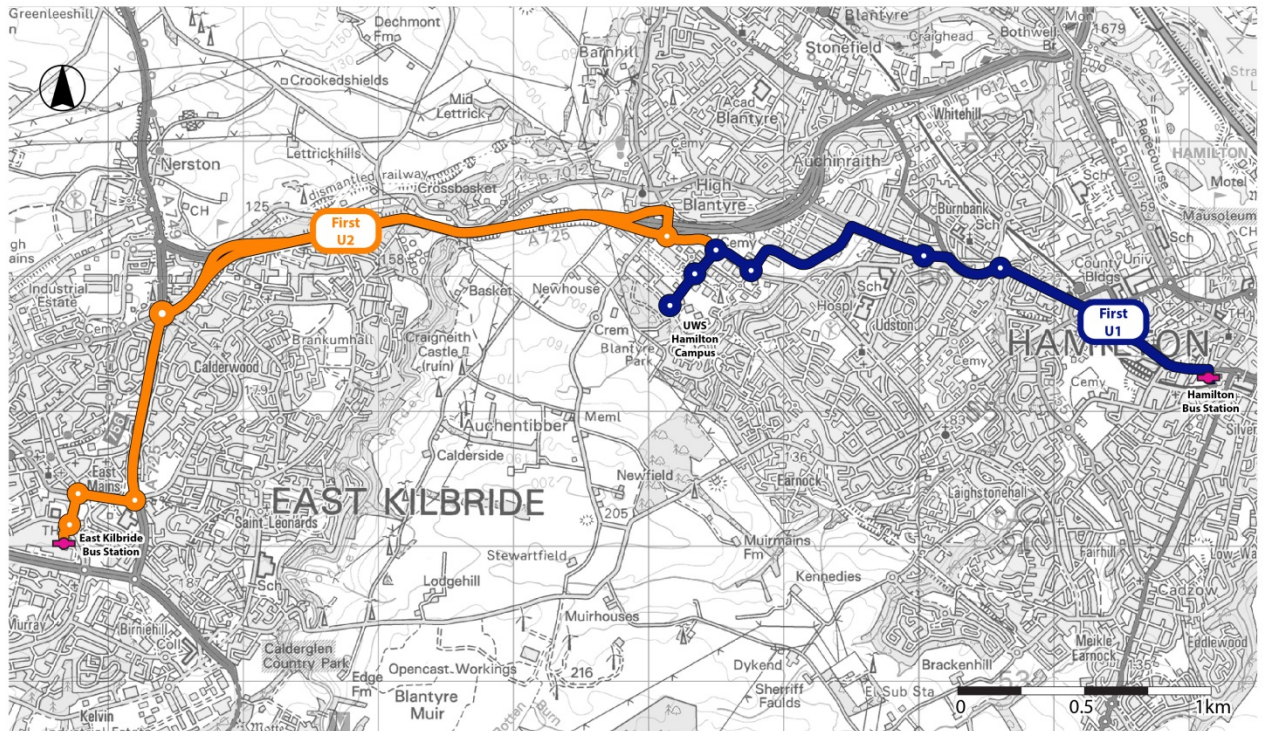
Policy consequences	<i>In line with RTS. Good access to UWS Lanarkshire Campus will be vital for all students, particularly those without access to a car.</i>
Legal consequences	<i>None</i>
Financial consequences	<i>None</i>
Personnel consequences	<i>None</i>
Equalities consequences	<i>None</i>
Risk consequences	<i>None</i>

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Appendix 1: Map of First Glasgow services U1 & U2 to University of West of Scotland Lanarkshire Campus



First U1: Hamilton Bus Station - UWS Hamilton Campus
First U2: East Kilbride Bus Station - UWS Hamilton Campus

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Appendix 2: Timetables of First Glasgow services U1 & U2 to University of West of Scotland Lanarkshire Campus

First

Hamilton Bus Station - UWS Lanarkshire Campus (Term Time)
via Peacock Cross

U1

Monday to Friday

Ref.No.: JEB

Service No	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1	
Hamilton, Bus Station	0720	0737	0752	0802	0812	0820	0827	0837	0900	0920	0940	1000	1020	1040	1100	1120	1140	1200	1220	1240	1300	1320	1340	1400	1420
Hamilton West, Peacock Cross	0723	0743	0755	0805	0815	0823	0830	0840	0903	0923	0943	1003	1023	1043	1103	1123	1143	1203	1223	1243	1303	1323	1343	1403	1423
UWS, Lanarkshire Campus	0735	0752	0807	0817	0827	0835	0842	0852	0915	0935	0955	1015	1035	1055	1115	1135	1155	1215	1235	1255	1315	1335	1355	1415	1435

Service No	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1
Hamilton, Bus Station	1440	1500	1515	1527	1538	1561	1603	1616	1627	1639	1651	1703	1718	1733
Hamilton West, Peacock Cross	1443	1503	1518	1530	1542	1554	1606	1618	1630	1642	1654	1706	1721	1736
UWS, Lanarkshire Campus	1455	1515	1530	1542	1554	1606	1618	1630	1642	1654	1706	1718	1733	1748

UWS Lanarkshire Campus - Hamilton Bus Station (Term Time)
via Peacock Cross

U1

Service No	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1
UWS, Lanarkshire Campus	0735	0752	0807	0817	0827	0838	0900	0920	0940	1000	1020	1040	1100	1120	1140	1200	1220	1240	1300	1320	1340	1400	1420	1440	1500
Hamilton West, Peacock Cross	0747	0804	0819	0829	0839	0850	0912	0932	0952	1012	1032	1052	1112	1132	1152	1212	1232	1252	1312	1332	1352	1412	1432	1452	1512
Hamilton, Bus Station	0750	0807	0822	0832	0842	0853	0915	0935	0955	1015	1035	1055	1115	1135	1155	1215	1235	1255	1315	1335	1355	1415	1435	1455	1515

Service No	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1
UWS, Lanarkshire Campus	1512	1524	1536	1548	1600	1612	1624	1636	1648	1700	1712	1724	1736	1759
Hamilton West, Peacock Cross	1524	1535	1546	1600	1612	1624	1635	1648	1700	1712	1724	1736	1751	1811
Hamilton, Bus Station	1527	1539	1551	1603	1615	1627	1639	1651	1703	1715	1727	1739	1754	1814

First

Hamilton Bus Station - UWS Lanarkshire Campus (Non Term Time)
via Peacock Cross

U1

Monday to Friday

Ref.No.: JEB

Service No	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1
Hamilton, Bus Station	0720	0740	0800	0820	0840	0900
Hamilton West, Peacock Cross	0723	0743	0803	0823	0843	0903
UWS, Lanarkshire Campus	0735	0755	0815	0835	0855	0915

UWS Lanarkshire Campus - Hamilton Bus Station (Non Term Time)
via Peacock Cross

U1

Service No	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1	U1	
UWS, Lanarkshire Campus	0735	0755	0815	0835	1540	1610	1630	1650	1710	1730	1810
Hamilton West, Peacock Cross	0747	0807	0827	0847	1552	1622	1642	1702	1722	1742	1822
Hamilton, Bus Station	0750	0810	0830	0850	1555	1625	1645	1705	1725	1745	1825

First

East Kilbride Bus Station - UWS Lanarkshire Campus (Term Time)

U2

Monday to Friday

Ref.No.: JEB

Service No	U2	U2	U2
East Kilbride, Bus Station	0740	0810	0840
UWS, Lanarkshire Campus	0751	0821	0851

UWS Lanarkshire Campus - East Kilbride Bus Station (Term Time)

U2

Service No	U2	U2	U2	U2	U2	U2
UWS, Lanarkshire Campus	1510	1540	1610	1640	1710	1740
East Kilbride, Bus Station	1521	1551	1621	1651	1721	1751

Appendix 3: Press release (11th June 2018) of new bus services to University of Scotland Lanarkshire Campus

“University of the West of Scotland (UWS), which is set to open the doors of its new Lanarkshire campus in September, has today announced transport routes which will significantly improve connectivity between the campus and the rest of the region.

Transport operator First Bus is to launch two new bus services to Hamilton International Technology Park, where the new campus is situated.

Service UW1 will operate up to every 10 minutes between Hamilton Bus Station, Hamilton West and UWS Lanarkshire campus providing a frequent link with most other bus and rail services in the area.

Service UW2 will provide a direct service between East Kilbride Bus Station and the new campus.

Both services will be operated by UWS branded double decker buses with additional features including leather seats with built in USB ports and free wi-fi. A fantastic range of money saving fares will also be available.



Routes will be fully operational from 3rd September when the full student cohort arrives. The UWS Lanarkshire campus will have a student population of 4,000 and 300 staff, with significant numbers expected to regularly use the service. This initiative will also significantly improve links for anyone working at the Technology Park, which is home to HSBC, Babcock and John Lewis premises.

These new services represent a £1 million investment by First Bus and comes after detailed discussions with UWS facilitated by Strathclyde Partnership for Transport.”

<https://www.uws.ac.uk/news/new-uws-campus-boosts-lanarkshire-transport-links/>