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## Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

### Minute of Operations Committee meeting

**22 January 2010**

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 22 January 2010

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**Present** Councillors Davie McLachlan (Chair), David Fagan, Charlie Gilbert (deputy), Bill Grant, Mark Griffin, Marie McGurk, Alan Moir, Tommy Morrison, John Murray (deputy) and Alistair Watson and appointed member Tom Hart.

**Apologies** Councillors William Hendrie, Bobby McDill, Eddie Phillips, John Reid, Chris Thompson and appointed members Niall McGrogan and Ronnie Mellis.

**Attending** Valerie Davidson, Secretary; Gordon MacLennan, Assistant Chief Executive (Operations); Eric Stewart, Director, Bus Operations and Neil Wylie, Director of Finance.

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

### 1. Declaration of interest

The committee noted that there were no declarations of interest.

### 2. Minute of previous meeting

The minute of the meeting of 30 October 2009 (issued) was submitted and approved as a correct record.

Arising from the minute with regard to page 5 paragraph 7, Mr Stewart advised members that due to the recent adverse weather conditions, officers had been unable to provide accurate patronage figures on the usage of limited stop express service 904 between East Kilbride and Edinburgh. He explained that a report would be submitted to the next committee which would reflect more accurate statistics.

### 3. Public transport services monitoring report

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 13 January 2010 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

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- (2) providing information on the current status of SPT's six point bus action plan for the continuing improvement of bus service delivery within the region, together with regulating and fleet profile statistics.

After considerable discussion, particularly in relation to the decrease in patronage on the Subway, low parking costs within Glasgow City Centre which discouraged the travelling public from using other modes of transport and having heard Mr Maclennan advise members that a meeting had been arranged with Glasgow City Council on various transport issues, which would include discussion on car parking policy within the city, the committee

- (a) noted
  - (i) the contents of the report; and
  - (ii) that there would be a presentation on the Subway Modernisation Project at the next Partnership meeting; and
- (b) agreed that a request be made to Transport Scotland for Park and Ride statistics for all First ScotRail stations within the SPT area to be submitted to committee on a regular basis.

#### **4. Subsidised local bus service contract recommendations – financial implications**

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 13 January 2010 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support) advising the committee of the financial implications of members' possible decisions relating to the remaining items on the agenda.

After discussion and having heard Mr Wylie inform members of the current funding position for the subsidised local bus budget for 2009/2010, the committee

- (1) 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; and
- (2) agreed that seminars be arranged for all constituent authorities highlighting the nature, complexities and weaknesses of the current bus market.

#### **5. Proposed award of new subsidised service contracts**

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After consideration of a report (issued) of 13 January 2010 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations) on tenders received for the award of new subsidised local bus services, the committee agreed to the award or otherwise of the undernoted contracts:-

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<b>Contract</b>	<b>Operator</b>	<b>Contract amount</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
LS045 Paisley – Clydebank (service 300)	Arriva Serving Scotland	£196,179	Lowest compliant tender. Contract period 1 March 2010 to 13 July 2013.
LS039A South Knightswood – Gartnavel Hospital (service 184, 284)	First Glasgow (No 1) Ltd	£33,750	Optional tender including re-introduction of evening service 11 on an hourly basis between Glasgow City Centre and Clydebank. Contract period 7 February 2010 to 16 July 2011.
LS049 Bridge of Weir – St Andrew’s Drive (service 107)	McGill’s Bus Service Ltd	£18,500	Sole tender based on the optional timetable for 6 return journeys in Bridge of Weir with some journeys extending to Braehead and Glasgow City Centre. Contract period 1 March 2010 to 16 July 2011.
LS047 Carnbroe – Whifflet – Coatbridge (service 16A)	-	-	Noted that this tender would be dealt with under item 7 of the minute as part of package 14617.

## **6. Award of temporary subsidised local bus service – Stirling Council**

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There was submitted and noted a report (issued) of 7 January 2010 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) informing members of the withdrawal of early morning journeys on service 8 Balfron to Glasgow by First Edinburgh on 19 October 2009;
- (2) explaining that the cost of service 8 was shared by Stirling Council and SPT and the council had advised that it was unlikely it would be able to replace the withdrawn journeys without the continued support from SPT;
- (3) informing members that a temporary contract had been awarded to the sole tenderer, First Edinburgh, at a cost of £19,430 for the period 19 October 2009 to 27 March 2010, which had included a contribution from SPT of £7,053; and

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- (4) advising members
  - (a) that prices had been sought on a gross cost basis whereby the local authority retained revenues generated by the service, excluding revenue from SPT and First Zonocard schemes; and
  - (b) that it was therefore estimated that the net cost to SPT excluding Zonocard revenue would be approximately £3,783.

## **7. Proposed renewal of subsidised local bus service contracts**

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 13 January 2010 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations),

- (1) outlining tenders received for the renewal of new subsidised local bus services; and
- (2) recommending the award of appropriate contracts.

After consideration and having heard Mr Stewart advise members that he had been informed in the last 24 hours that the issue of TUPE (Transfer of Undertakings Protection of Employment Regulations) might apply to three of the contracts to be considered for renewal at paragraphs 7 and 8 of the minute, and that as the Operations Committee was due to meet again before the contracts came into operation, it would be appropriate to submit them to the next committee, in order that the issues involved could be examined in further detail, the committee agreed

- (a) to the award of the following contracts:-
  - (i) Package 14617 to Henderson Travel Ltd at a total cost of £548,034 which contained the undernoted contracts, and included an optional combined timetable to be operated on contracts LS027 and LS047, the costs apportioned to each contract as detailed in the report:-
    - contract 0904B Mansewood – Glasgow City Centre (service 129) for the contract period 18 July 2010 to 13 July 2013;
    - contract 3677D Bargeddie – Glasgow (service 213) for the contract period 18 July 2010 to 14 July 2012;
    - contract 4800A Newarthill – Motherwell (service 355) for the contract period 18 July 2010 to 13 July 2013;
    - contract 4974C Cambuslang – East Kilbride (service 172) for the contract period 19 July 2010 to 13 July 2013;
    - contract 4979D Hamilton Interchange – Hillhouse (service 226) for the contract period 18 July 2010 to 13 July 2013;
    - contract 498C Rutherglen – Fernhill (service 14) for the contract period 19 July 2010 to 13 July 2013;
    - contract LS027A Salsburgh – Chapelhall – Monklands Hospital (service 200) for the contract period 18 July 2010 until 16 July 2011; and
    - contract LS047 Carnbroe – Whifflet – Coatbridge (service 16A) for the contract period 6 March 2010 to 16 July 2011;

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- (ii) contract 0906C Castlemilk – Greenfield (service 46) to First Glasgow (No 1) Ltd at a cost of £188,748 for the contract period 18 July 2010 to 13 July 2013,
  - (iii) contract 0907B Govan ASDA – North Cardonald (service 124) to First Glasgow (No 1) Ltd at a cost of £125,850 for the contract period 19 July 2010 to 13 July 2013;
  - (iv) contract 2835H Kilsyth – Glasgow (service 27) to First Edinburgh at a cost of £28,860 for the contract period 18 July 2010 to 12 July 2013;
  - (v) contract 4199A Bellshill – Harthill (service 35,36) to First Glasgow (No 2) Ltd at a cost of £289,722 for the contract period 18 July 2010 to 13 July 2013;
  - (vi) contract 4841J Monklands Hospital – Upperton (service 101,181) to Stuart's Coaches at a cost of £108,900 for the contract period 18 July 2010 to 13 July 2013;
  - (vii) contract 4860E Glasgow – East Kilbride (service 131) to First Glasgow (No 1) Ltd at a cost of £181,683 for the contract period 18 July 2010 to 13 July 2013;
  - (viii) contract 6979C Stewarton – Irvine (service 113) to Shuttle Buses at a cost of £59,750 for the contract period 18 July 2010 to 13 July 2013;
  - (ix) contract 7918D Greenock – McInroy's Point (service 545) to McGill's Bus Service Ltd at a cost of £132,600 for the contract period 18 July 2010 to 13 July 2013;
  - (x) contract LS026B Kilsyth – Balmalloch (service 381) to JD Coaches at a cost of £141,000 for the contract period 18 July 2010 to 13 July 2013;
  - (xi) contract LS048 Greenock –Pennyfern/Branchton (service 330/331) to Slaemuir Coaches Ltd at a cost of £137,280 for the contract period 18 July 2010 to 13 July 2013;
- (b) that, based on the information which had become available as advised by Mr Stewart, consideration of the following contracts be continued until the next Operations Committee:-
- contract 6485J Kilmarnock – Cumnock – Muirkirk (service X76); and
  - contract 6917D Dundonald – Troon (service 110); and
- (c) to a contribution of £33,663 towards the renewal of Stirling Council's contract S10/B/10 Glasgow – Balfron (service C10) for the contract period 29 March 2010 to 24 March 2012.

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## **8. Proposed renewal of Demand Responsive Transport contracts**

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 7 January 2010 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) detailing tenders received for the renewal of various Demand Responsive Transport (DRT) contracts comprising Dial-a-Bus and Ring'n'Ride services;
- (2) informing members that the tendering exercise had been based on an option whereby the vehicles required for operation of the various services would be purchased by SPT and supplied to the respective operators on a full repairing basis; or the operator supplying the vehicle;
- (3) highlighting that tenderers were required to submit prices for the DRT contracts on a 'gross cost' basis under which all passenger revenue would revert to SPT and offset the contract costs; and
- (4) recommending the award of appropriate contracts.

After consideration and having heard Mr Stewart advise members that as the issue of TUPE referred to in paragraph 7 of this minute also affected contract 6965A South Ayrshire DRT, consideration of this contract be continued to the next Operations Committee, the committee

- (a) agreed
  - (i) to the award of contract 6443A East Ayrshire DRT to Airways Coach Travel Ltd at a cost of £151,200 for the contract period 19 July 2010 to 13 July 2013, with the costs apportioned as detailed in the report based on the operator supplying the vehicles; and
  - (ii) to the award of the following contracts based on the vehicles being purchased by SPT leased to the respective operators on a full repairing lease basis:-
    - (A) contract 9551F Ayr Coast Dial-a-Bus to Shuttle Buses Ltd at a cost of £751,023 for the contract period 18 July 2010 to 18 July 2015;
    - (B) contract 9557E Lanark DRT to Stuart's Coaches at a cost of £562,800 for the contract period 18 July 2010 to 18 July 2015; and
    - (C) contract 9600A Gryffe Valley DRT to Colchri Ltd at a cost of £1,299.000 for the contract period 18 July 2010 to 18 July 2015; and
- (c) noted the costs apportioned for each of the contracts as detailed in the report.

## **9. Proposed acquisition of vehicles**

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After consideration of a report of 14 January 2010 seeking the committee's approval to purchase a number of adaptable buses for the provision of SPT Demand Responsive

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Transport services and those services with other partners who contributed towards the delivery of SPT's Regional Transport Strategy, the committee agree to the procurement of 20 vehicles from Bluebird Vehicles Ltd at a cost of £1,483,680.

#### **10. Proposed renewal of Demand Responsive Transport (DRT) contract 9551E**

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There was submitted and approved a report (issued) of 13 January 2010 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) outlining the temporary arrangements which had been put in place to ensure continuity of service for contract 9551C Ayr Coast Dial-a-Bus Service M13, following the contract's termination due to a breach of contract conditions by the operator;
- (2) detailing tenders received for a short term replacement contract to operate from 10 January to 17 July 2010 which was the scheduled end date for the original contract; and
- (3) recommending that contract 9551E Ayr Coast Dial-a-Bus (service M13) be awarded to Shuttle Buses Ltd at a cost of £101,425 for the contract period.

#### **11. Amendments to subsidised local bus services**

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After consideration of a report (issued) of 13 January 2010 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations) detailing recent and proposed changes to subsidised local bus service contracts, the committee

- (1) noted
  - (a) that the timetable for contract 4840D East Kilbride – Eaglesham – Uplawmoor (service 395) had been revised at no additional cost to ensure continuity of through journey connections at Neilston Rail Station from 14 December 2009;
  - (b) that the route and timetable of contract 6941L Sorn – Cumnock – Ayr (service 347) had been revised resulting in a reduced contract price of £128,867 per annum to maintain the current Sunday service and service frequency levels between Ayr and Rankinston via Ayr Hospital, with various adjustments on Mondays to Saturdays, following recent commercial service changes in the Ayrshire area from 11 July 2009;
  - (c) that the route of contract 6603O Kilmarnock – Stewarton – Dunlop – Beith (service 337) had been revised at an additional cost of £5,616 per annum to provide a late night transport connection from Glasgow to Kilbirnie and Beith on Thursday – Saturdays from 14 January 2010 and that a review on passenger usage would be reported to a future committee; and
- (2) agreed
  - (a) that the timetable for contract 5627E Bishopton Local (service 520) and Bishopton – Linburn – Erskine (service 521) be revised at no additional cost in order to improve reliability from 15 February 2010;



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- (b) that the timetable of contract 2807C Kirkintilloch – Twechar (service 327) be revised at an additional cost of £3,170 per annum, following recent commercial service changes in the Twechar area from 11 July 2009; and
- (c) that the extension of contract 6517D Brodick – Whiting Bay – Blackwaterfoot (service 323) to include the 2135 hours journey from Brodick to Blackwaterfoot on Fridays be continued for the period 26 March to 23 October 2010, in order that patronage could be assessed.

## 12. Requests for subsidised local bus services

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 13 January 2010 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations), advising members of various requests for the provision of subsidised local bus services.

After consideration, the committee

- (1) agreed not to take any further action in respect of the local subsidised bus service requests at paragraphs (c) and (d); and
- (2) approved the recommendation in respect of the undernoted requests: -

### Request

### Decision

Amendment to the timetable of subsidised bus service 14 Rutherglen – Fernhill to accommodate pupils attending schools located along the route of the service.

The committee agreed that the timetable be amended with effect from 22 February 2010.

(item a)

Amendment to the route of subsidised bus services to accommodate afternoon visiting hours at Hairmyres Hospital.

The committee agreed that the request be retained for future consideration.

(item b)

Provision of an earlier journey on service 193 between Pather and

The committee noted that the operator had advised that the first evening journey

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Wishaw General Hospital to arrive  
in time for evening visiting at 1900  
hours.

(item (e))

on service 248 Holytown – Cleland –  
Wishaw General Hospital could be  
diverted via Pather at no additional cost  
to SPT and, if practicable, the journey  
could be retimed to arrive at the hospital  
at approximately 1855 hours. The  
variation to the route and timetable  
would follow the normal registration  
process and should be implemented  
toward the beginning of April 2010.