



Amendments to subsidised local bus service contracts

Date of meeting 23 August 2024

Date of report 29 July 2024

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 26 April 2024.

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 adjusts a number of others 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 since the last Committee meeting of 26 April 2024, through delegated powers.

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>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 reduced costs of £238,437 to SPT in 2024/2025 when compared current projections for these contracts.</i>

Personnel consequences

None directly.

Equalities consequences

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.

Risk consequences

None directly.

Climate Change, Adaptation & Carbon consequences

Supported bus services help reduce transport emissions through encouraging modal shift to more sustainable travel.

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APPENDIX 1

Contract	Service No	Description	Operator	Effective date	Remarks	Cost	Local Authority
W170T1	23	Springhill - Shotts - Harthill - Whitburn	Scottish Citylink Coaches	24 March 2024	Minor revision to the timetable of service 23 to preserve interchange opportunities, following commercial network changes.	Cost Neutral	NL
W045G	49,124,153	Silverburn - Shawlands (49) Govan - North Cardonald (124) Glasgow - Silverburn (153)	McGill's Buses	7 April 2024	Revised timetable and route of service 49 due to the long-term closure of Thornliebank Road, Glasgow (bridge works by Network Rail) for an estimated period of 14 months.	Cost Neutral	GL
4841R	101/S, 181	Monklands Hospital - Upperton	ARG Travel	21 April 2024	Revised Monday to Friday service 101 timetable following the withdrawal of commercial provision between Cumbernauld Town Centre and Monklands Hospital from within Thrashbush, Airdrie.	£98.02 increase per week.	NL
W060D2	576, 578	Greenock - Largs (576) Greenock - Inverkip - Largs (578)	McGill's Buses	19 May 2024	Revision to the timetable of service 576 following commercial network changes.	£54.23 decrease per week.	IC, NA
6603U3	337	Beith - Kilmarnock	McGill's Buses	10 June 2024	Revised timetable and route as a consequence of infrastructure works within Kilmarnock Bus Station, for an estimated period of 6 weeks.	Cost Neutral	EA
LS074V	245/A, 310	Moodiesburn - Coatbridge (245/A) Moodiesburn - Shettleston (310)	Craigs of Cumbernauld	2 June 2024	Contract termination.	£5,368.08 reduction per week.	GL, NL
W126T4	106	Shawhead - Coatbridge	ARG Travel	16 June 2024	Extension of current temporary contract from 16 June 2024 until 17 July 2024, following a commercial service withdrawal.	£1,060.94 per week.	NL

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W030F1	M2, 74	Croftfoot - Toryglen (M2) Castlemilk - Toryglen (74)	Community Transport Glasgow	14 July 2024	Contract termination.	£2,308.20 reduction per week.	GL, SL
9619	M90, M91, M99, 400	Glasgow/North Lanarkshire MyBus	PVT Transfer	14 July 2024	Revised operational hours of MyBus provision, in line with demand.	£577.62 reduction per week.	GL, NL
LS022H	340	Helensburgh/Vale of Leven Hospital - Royal Alexandra Hospital	McColl's Travel	14 July 2024	Contract extension at the request of funding partners NHSGGC, from 14 July 2024 until 29 March 2025.	£522.39 increase per week, apportioned 10% SPT, 90% NHSGGC.	RC, WD
W060E	576, 578	Greenock - Largs (576) Greenock - Inverkip - Largs (578)	McGill's Buses	14 July 2024	Revision to the timetable of service 576 following commercial network changes.	£61.34 decrease per week.	IC, NA
9593M	13,19A, 31B, 226,227,228 230,399 M915, M96, 900	Hamilton - East Kilbride (13) Royston - Glasgow (19A) Carmunnock - East Kilbride (31B) Hamilton - Earnock/Whitehill (226,227,228) Hamilton - Silvertonhill (230) Greenhills - Hairmyres (399) South Lanarkshire MyBus	JMB Travel	14 July 2024	Minor revision to the timetable of service 13, to optimise driver and vehicle resource, at the request of the contractor.	Cost Neutral	SL
W043E	7A	Paisley - Ferguslie Park - Linwood	McGill's Buses	14 July 2024	Minor revision to the route of service 7A, due to infrastructure work at Tannahill Avenue and Tannahill Terrace, Ferguslie Park by Renfrewshire Council.	Cost Neutral	RC

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W175A	42/A	Monklands Hospital - Airdrie - Calderbank	JMB Travel	14 July 2024	Revision to the timetable of service 42/A, at the request of the contractor.	Cost Neutral	NL
W170A	23	Springhill - Shotts - Harthill - Whitburn	Stuarts Coaches	14 July 2024	Minor revision to the timetable of service 23, to coordinate provision with service 367.	Cost Neutral	NL
W095F	49A/B	Logans - Cumnock Hospital - Craigen	Shuttle Buses	14 July 2024	Revised route within Netherthird Road, Cumnock to address indiscriminate parking issues.	Cost Neutral	EA