



Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Minute of Operations Committee

26 April 2019

held in 131 St Vincent Street, Glasgow

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Minute of the meeting of Strathclyde Partnership for Transport's Operations Committee held in 131 St Vincent Street, Glasgow, on 26 April 2019

Present Councillors David Wilson (Chair), Malcolm Balfour, Martin Bartos, Colin Cameron, Graham Campbell (from item 4), Iain McLaren (substitute), Michael McPake, Alan Moir, and Donald Reid and appointed members Gregory Beecroft and Graham Johnston (until item 5).

Attending Charlie Hoskins, Senior Director; Neil Wylie, Director of Finance; Jim Griffin, Solicitor; Heather Maclean, Committee Officer; Alex Scott, Bus Services Manager; Bruce Kiloh, Head of Policy & Planning; Gordon Dickson, Bus Development Manager and Ewan Tait, Business Development Executive at Scotrail.

1. Apologies

Apologies were submitted from Councillors Jim Finn, Graham Hardie and Marie McGurk.

2. Declaration of interest in terms of the Ethical Standards in Public Life etc (Scotland) Act 2000

Appointed member Graham Johnston declared an interest in item 8 as he has engaged with some of the community transport operators due to his employment with the NHS.

Councillor Cameron declared an interest in item 12 as he submitted request (m).

3. Minute of previous meeting

The minute of the meeting of 25 January 2019 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

By way of update in regard to item 8, Mr Scott informed the meeting that JMB Travel has intimated that they will not be able to operate the package of contracts (17316) awarded to them at the meeting on 25 January 2019 and this issue is addressed at item 10.

4. Monitoring Report on Public Transport Services in the SPT Area

There was submitted a report (issued) of 3 April 2019 by the Senior Director;

- (a) reporting on the operational performance of public transport services and public transport facilities which are delivered directly by the Partnership or by others on behalf of the Partnership, and
- (b) reporting on provision of public transport services and facilities in the Partnership area more generally.

Mr Tait from Scotrail gave a presentation to the committee with regards to Scotrail performance and future development across the SPT area.

After significant discussion and having heard from Messrs Hoskins, Scott and Tait in further explanation and in answer to members' questions, the committee noted the terms of the report and thanked Mr Tait for his attendance and presentation.

5. Transport Focus – Bus Passenger Survey 2018

There was submitted a report (issued) of 26 March 2019 by the Senior Director updating the committee on the results of Transport Focus's Bus Passenger Survey (BPS) 2018.

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After considerable discussion and having heard from Messrs Hoskins, Dickson and Kiloh in answer to members' questions, the committee recorded their disappointment that only 2 bus operators within the SPT area participated in the survey and noted the contents of the report.

6. Community Transport: UK Government response to the consultation on the use of section 19 and section 22 permits for road passenger transport in Great Britain

There was submitted a report (issued) of 1 April 2019 by the Senior Director updating the committee on the UK Government's response to the Department for Transport's (DfT) "Consultation on the use of section 19 and section 22 permits for road passenger transport in Great Britain", which relates to bus services, and in particular, the provision of Community Transport (CT).

After discussion and hearing from Messrs Hoskins and Dickson who responded to members' questions and, highlighting the concern raised by community transport operators, undertook to update the committee of future developments.

The committee noted the contents of the report.

7. Subsidised Local Bus Service Contract Recommendations: Financial Implications

There was submitted a report (issued) of 15 April 2019 by the Assistant Chief Executive, with regards to the financial implications of the subsidised bus contract recommendations being considered at the meeting.

After hearing from Mr Wylie, the committee noted the contents of the report.

8. Applications for Grant Funding – Community Transport

There was submitted a report (issued) of 4 April 2019 by the Senior Director recommending the approval of grant funding in support of projects provided by Community Transport operators across Strathclyde.

Mr Dickson informed the committee that this year has seen the highest number of applications for funding received and if approved, combined with Glasgow City Council and Scottish Power Energy Network funding, will represent over £1.7m investment in the Community Transport sector in the West of Scotland.

After discussion the committee approved the following funding for the current financial year 2019/20:

- Grant funding of up to £425,271 to Community Transport Glasgow;
- Grant funding of up to £136,944 North Area Transport Association;
- Grant funding of £125,427 to Coalfields Community Transport;
- Grant funding of £82,000 to the Rural Development Trust; and
- Grant funding of £53,000 to Getting Better Together.

In addition, the committee noted the following awards made under delegated powers:

- Grant funding of £43,845 to South Ayrshire Community Transport;
- Grant funding of up to £38,060 to South West Community Transport;
- Grant funding of up to £27,500 to Community Central Halls;
- Grant funding of £20,000 to Blantyre Volunteer Ltd;

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- Grant funding of £20,000 to Community Transport East Renfrewshire;
- Grant funding of £20,000 to Glenboig Development Trust;
- Grant funding of £46,456 to Larkhall & District Volunteer Group;
- Grant funding of up to £25,000 to Renfrewshire Council;
- Grant funding of £2,500 to Voluntary Action South Lanarkshire;
- Grant funding of £22,500 to Ardgowan Hospice;
- Grant funding of £10,000 to Port Glasgow Voluntary Trans-Port Group; and
- Grant funding of £20,000 to Inverclyde Voluntary Council of Social Services.

9. Contracts awarded under delegated powers

There was submitted a report (issued) of 16 April 2019 by the Assistant Chief Executive advising the Committee of subsidised local bus service contracts being awarded utilising delegated powers.

The Committee noted the contents of the report.

10. Amendments to subsidised local bus service contracts

After consideration of a report (issued) of 16 April 2019 by the Assistant Chief Executive outlining changes to subsidised local bus services arising from changed market circumstances, the committee noted the amendments to the services, as detailed in the Appendix to the report.

11. Proposed award of subsidised local bus service contracts

There was submitted a report (issued) of 16 April 2019 by the Assistant Chief Executive recommending the approval of the award of a number of subsidised local bus service contracts detailed in the appendix to the report.

After discussion and having heard Mr Scott in response to members questions, the committee agreed:

- (i) to award the contacts detailed in appendix 1 of the report;
- (ii) that contract number 9605B1 be cancelled with effect from 13 July 2019; and
- (iii) that contract LS044S not be renewed after its expiry on 13 July 2019.

12. Requests for subsidised local bus service contracts

There was submitted a report (issued) of 16 April 2019 by the Assistant Chief Executive recommending that members note the recent requests received for subsidised local bus services and approve the recommended actions.

Councillor Cameron, having declared an interest, left the room during consideration of the report.

After considerable discussion and having heard from Mr Scott in response to members' questions, the committee agreed all recommendations as detailed in the report.

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13. Supply & Installation of Aluminium Bus Shelters & Groundworks, Call Off Contract, 18-198

There was submitted a report (issued) of 9 April 2019 by the Senior Director recommending the approval of the award of a call off contract for the supply and installation of aluminium bus shelters and associated groundworks to Commutaports Ltd.

After discussion, the committee approved the award for a total price of up to £3,693,168.22 for a four year period.