



Proposed award of subsidised local bus service contracts

Committee Operations

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Date of report 5 January 2022

Report by Chief Executive

1. Object of report

To recommend the Committee approves the award of a number of subsidised local bus service contracts.

This paper affects Argyll & Bute, East Ayrshire, East Dunbartonshire, Glasgow, Inverclyde, North Ayrshire, North Lanarkshire, Renfrewshire, South Lanarkshire and West Dunbartonshire council areas.

2. Background

SPT subsidised bus services which are not provided by the commercial market but which are considered socially necessary in accordance with the approved framework. A proportion of these contracts are due to expire in July 2022 and tenders have been sought for their renewal.

Prior to seeking replacement contracts, SPT analyse existing provision, reviewing performance data for each specified journey within each service, to align provision with actual demand. In addition, the opportunity is also taken to determine whether contracts can be amalgamated in situations where this may improve connectivity and overall sustainability.

Operators wishing to bid must submit compliant tenders, but optional prices are also considered, whereby the operator may submit an option which offers efficiency savings to SPT. It is also permissible for operators to package contracts where this may provide better value for money.

3. Outline of proposals

Of the 47 advertised contracts, it is proposed to award 24 at this stage with a total contract value of £6,172,971 as detailed in Appendix 1. This will result in an annual increase of £81,370 to the subsidised bus budget costs, when compared to the current annual contract value.

It should be noted that the prices submitted for the remaining contracts were considered excessive. With that in mind, those contracts not recommended will be re-tendered in an effort to achieve sustainable submissions.

Members are advised that a number of contracts currently utilising SPT vehicles will be operated from the renewal date by operator owned vehicles, resulting in vehicles being returned to SPT. These will be reallocated to other SPT contracts/services within further tendering exercises, or where vehicles are nearing or are beyond the replacement life and disposed of.

Members are also advised that the award of contract 8811G is subject to approval by funding partners Argyll & Bute Council and are also advised that the award of contract W012D is subject to approval by funding partners Stirling Council.

Copies of all timetables are available on request.

Specific details of individual contracts are attached at Appendix 1, with the current cost and contract renewal cost shown.

4. Committee action

The Committee is recommended to agree the award of the contracts detailed in Appendix 1.

5. Consequences

Policy consequences	<i>In line with the Regional Transport Strategy.</i>
Legal consequences	<i>All contracts will be awarded subject to SPT's terms and conditions for transport contracts, together with vehicle lease agreement, where applicable.</i>
Financial consequences	<i>The award of the contracts detailed in this committee paper will result in additional costs of £80,488 to SPT, additional costs of £1,000 to Argyll and Bute Council and savings of £2,212 to Stirling Council in 2022/23.</i>
Personnel consequences	<i>None directly.</i>
Equalities consequences	<i>Seeks to reduce the incidence of social exclusion by supporting socially necessary bus services.</i>
Risk consequences	<i>None directly.</i>

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APPENDIX 1

contract	service no	service description	operator	bus (proposed)	bus (current)	term (years)	contract price	annualised price (proposed)	annualised price (current)	variance
4841P	101, 181	Monklands Hospital - Upperton	United Coaches Ltd	Operator	Operator	3	£149,298.00	£49,766.00	£40,266.72	£9,499.28
6485Q	X76	Muirkirk - Cumnock - Kilmarnock	Western Buses Ltd (Option)	Operator	Operator	2	£232,978.00	£116,489.00	£94,971.24	£21,517.76
7918J	545	Greenock - Inverclyde Royal Hospital - McInroy's Point	McGill's Bus Service	Operator	Operator	3	£156,236.78	£52,078.93	£48,258.08	£3,820.85
8811G	302	Carrick Castle - Lochgoilhead Primary - Helensburgh	Garelochhead Coaches (Option)	Operator	Operator	3	£243,000.00	£81,000.00	£77,318.28	£3,681.72
LS040L	128	Buchanan Bus Station - Stobhill Hospital	McColl's Travel Ltd	SPT Bus	SPT Bus	4	£269,728.00	£67,432.00	£57,526.04	£9,905.96
LS060G	25/A/B/C	Irvine - Kilwinning - Kilbirnie - Beith	Western Buses Ltd (Option)	Operator	Operator	3	£485,622.00	£161,874.00	£145,537.08	£16,336.92
W041D	585A	Largs - Ardrossan - Stevenston	Western Buses Ltd (Option)	Operator	Operator	3	£190,515.00	£63,505.00	£53,994.72	£9,510.28
W045G	49, 124, 153	Silverburn - Shawlands (Service 49) Govan - North Cardonald (Service 124) Glasgow - Silverburn (Service 153)	McGill's Bus Service	Operator	Operator	3	£450,033.90	£150,011.30	£151,864.44	-£1,853.14
W046D	507	Greenock - Midton	McGill's Bus Service	Operator	Operator	3	£66,538.21	£22,179.40	£27,674.40	-£5,495.00
W050E	27/A, 29/A	Irvine - Montgomerie Park - Kilwinning Whitehirst Park	Western Buses Ltd (Option)	Operator	Operator	3	£302,850.00	£100,950.00	£91,271.96	£9,678.04
W051E	10, 20	Hawkhead - Paisley - RAH (Service 10) Johnstone - RAH - Paisley (Service 20)	McGill's Bus Service	Operator	Operator	3	£47,789.86	£15,929.95	£12,732.20	£3,197.75
W130D	147/A, 247	Monklands Hospital - Cumbernauld - Kirkintilloch/Kilsyth	Canavan Travel (Option)	Operator	Operator	1	£325,000.00	£325,000.00	£329,099.68	-£4,099.68
W147E	212	Airdrie/ Coatbridge - Kirkwood - Bargeddie - Baillieston	Craig's of Cumbernauld	Operator	Operator	3	£374,497.50	£124,832.50	£120,103.36	£4,729.14

Package 17425

contract	service no	service description	operator	bus (proposed)	bus (current)	term (years)	contract price	annualised price (proposed)	annualised price (current)	variance
W010E	248A/B/C	Law/Wishaw - Airdrie/Monklands Hospital	Stuart Coaches Ltd (Option)	Operator	Operator	3	£245,700.00	£81,900.00	£59,479.16	£22,420.84
W074C	317	Hamilton - Larkhall - Lanark	Stuart Coaches Ltd (Option)	Operator	SPT Bus	3	£313,200.00	£104,400.00	£89,307.40	£15,092.60
W077B	210/A/X , 243	Wishaw General - Law - Carluke (Service 210/A/X) Hamilton - Law - Carluke (Service 243)	Stuart Coaches Ltd (Package option)	Operator	SPT Bus	3	£313,200.00	£104,400.00	£87,201.92	£17,198.08

Package 17417

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LS009F	206	Westcliff/ Dumbarton - Tullichewan	McColl's Travel Ltd (Option)	Operator	Operator	6	£162,686.00	£27,027.71	£30,384.12	-£3,356.41
LS097Q	184/A	Antonine Park - Drumry - Clydebank - Whitecrook	McColl's Travel Ltd (Option)	Operator	Operator	6	£308,860.00	£51,312.20	£61,992.32	-£10,680.12
W012D	305, 306, 309	Alexandria - Luss (Service 305) Alexandria - Helensburgh (Service 306) Alexandria - Balmaha (Service 309)	McColl's Travel Ltd (Option)	Operator	Operator	6	£790,592.00	£131,344.36	£154,014.12	-£22,669.76
W064D	47/A	Kirkintilloch - Milngavie	McColl's Travel Ltd (Option)	Operator	Operator	6	£311,408.00	£51,735.51	£66,814.80	-£15,079.29
W066F	207	Loch Lomond Shores - Rosshead - Bonhill	McColl's Travel Ltd (Option)	Operator	Operator	6	£109,172.00	£18,137.20	£18,949.32	-£812.12
W153	6B	Duntocher - Bearsden - Glasgow	McColl's Travel Ltd (Option)	Operator	Operator	6	£26,715.00	£4,438.27	£3,417.96	£1,020.31

Package 17428

contract	service no	service description	operator	bus (proposed)	bus (current)	term (years)	contract price	annualised price (proposed)	annualised price (current)	variance
4800F	355	Newhouse - Motherwell - North Lodge	PVT Transfer (Package option)	Operator	Operator	3	£134,244.00	£44,748.00	£46,159.88	-£1,411.88
W129C	329	City Centre - Roystonhill - Stobhill Hospital	PVT Transfer (Package option)	Operator	Operator	3	£163,107.00	£54,369.00	£55,186.04	-£817.04