

## **Strathclyde Partnership for Transport**

### **Minute of Operations Committee**

**1 May 2015**

held in Consort House, Glasgow

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## Minute of the meeting of Strathclyde Partnership for Transport's Operations Committee held in Consort House, Glasgow on 1 May 2015

- Present** Councillors Denis McKenna (Chair), Malcolm Balfour, Jim Coleman, Kaye Harmon, Robert G MacIntyre, Bobby McDill, Hamish Stewart and David Wilson and appointed members Graham Johnston and Niall McGrogan.
- Attending** Valerie Davidson, Secretary/Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support); Valerie A Bowen, Senior Committee Officer; Gordon MacLennan, Chief Executive; Eric Stewart, Assistant Chief Executive (Operations); Neil Wylie, Director of Finance & HR and Ronnie Park, Director of Bus Operations.
- Also attending** John Yellowlees, Scotrail.

### 1. Apologies

Apologies were submitted from Councillors Bill Grant, Chris Kelly, Alan Moir, Patrick McGlinchey (substitute) and Lawrence O'Neill.

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

The committee noted that there were no declarations of interest.

### 3. Minute of previous meeting

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The minute of the meeting of 13 March 2015 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

### 4. Monitoring report on public transport services in the SPT area

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 17 April 2015 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
- (2) providing information on the current status of SPT's bus action plan for the continuing improvement of bus service delivery within the region, regulating and fleet profile statistics and details of subsidised local bus service vehicle inspections.

After discussion and having heard Mr Park in further explanation and in answer to members' questions, the committee noted the terms of the report.

Thereon Mr Yellowlees provided an update on a number of topics, including fare, timetable and rolling stock changes and proposed engineering works and their impact on services.

### 5. Subsidised local bus service contract recommendations – financial implications

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 22 April 2015 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support) advising the committee of the financial implications of members' possible

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decisions relating to further items on the agenda.

After discussion, the committee

- (1) noted the report in relation to the financial implications of awarding any contracts; and
- (2) agreed to give due consideration to the implications when making decisions on those contracts.

**6. Temporary contract awarded**

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There was submitted and noted a report (issued) of 8 April 2015 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) advising members of a temporary contract awarded under delegated authority since the beginning of March 2015 to ensure that a gap in the network arising from a commercial market change was filled; and
- (2) advising members that the tendering process would continue to ensure that the contract was replaced on a more long term basis.

**7. Proposed award of subsidised local bus service contract**

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 8 April 2015 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) informing members of the tenders received for the renewal of certain local subsidised bus services; and
- (2) providing information on the various options contained in the tender documents;
- (3) recommending the award of appropriate contracts.

After discussion and having heard Mr Park in further explanation, the committee

- (a) agreed to the award of the following contracts:-
  - (i) the award of contract 3164J to First Glasgow at a cost of £75,873 for the contract period from 12 July 2015 to 15 July 2017;
  - (ii) the award of contract LS040H to First Glasgow at a cost of £110,158 for the contract period from 12 July 2015 to 15 July 2017; and
  - (iii) the award of contract W087A1 to First Glasgow at a cost of £558,014 for the contract period from 12 July 2015 to 14 July 2018; and
- (b) noted that the award of the contracts were subject to satisfaction of the requirements of the mandatory standstill period for EU advertised public sector contracts.

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## 8. Proposed renewal of subsidised local bus service contracts

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- (1) informing members of the tenders received for the renewal of certain local subsidised bus service contracts;
- (2) providing information on the various options contained in the tender documents; and
- (3) recommending the award of appropriate contracts.

After discussion and having heard Mr Park in further explanation, the committee

- (a) agreed to the award of the following contracts:-
  - (i) contract W085B to C & R Coaches at a cost of £138,060 for the contract period from 19 July 2015 to 14 July 2018; and
  - (ii) contract LS044P to Scottish Citylink Coaches at a cost of £47,850 for the contract period from 12 July 2015 to 16 July 2016; and
- (b) noted that the award of the contracts at (a) above were subject to satisfaction of the requirements of the mandatory standstill period for EU advertised public sector contracts.

## 9. Amendments to subsidised local bus service contracts

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After consideration of a report (issued) of 10 April 2015 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations) detailing changes to subsidised local bus services arising from changed circumstances, the committee noted the amendments as detailed below:-

Contract	Amendment
Contract LS022D Helensburgh/Vale of Leven Hospital – Royal Alexandra Hospital (service 340)	Various pick up and set down restrictions throughout the route withdrawn which required a minor timetable adjustment, effective from the commencement date of the contract (no additional cost)
Contract 6266R Ayr – Tarbolton – new Cumnock (service 343)	Minor timetable alterations to service to coincide with network revisions with effect from 11 May 2015 (no additional cost)
Contract 1923C1 Gourock – Kilcreggan Ferry Service	Timetable adjusted to reflect berthing at a new location which resulted in a slightly longer journey time for the crossing, with effect from 13 April 2015 (no additional cost)

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Contract 6628J Brodick – Corriegills Road End (service 321)	Route and timetable of service altered to reflect changes in school transport requirements, with effect from 3 April 2015 (no additional cost)
Contracts 6518G and 6747M Brodick – Blackwaterfoot/Whiting Bay (service 323)	Timetable of service 323 within contracts 6518G and 6747M altered to reflect changes in school transport requirements and to provide diversion of an existing journey via Lamlash Hospital, with effect from 3 April 2015 (no additional cost)
Contract W056A Glasgow – Baillieston – Bargeddie – Coatbridge/Airdrie (services 213/213A)	Timetable of service altered to fill a gap in bus service provision between Bargeddie and Baillieston caused by the withdrawal of a commercial service, with effect from 5 April 2015 (additional cost of £3,610 per annum)
Contract LS082B Glasgow – Carmunnock – East Kilbride (service 31)	Timetable of service altered to include additional journeys between Carmunnock and East Kilbride following the withdrawal of a commercial service, with effect from 19 April 2015 (additional cost of £10,823 per annum)
Contract 0906F Castlemilk – Queenslie (service 46)	Subsidised contract delivered on behalf of SPT cancelled owing to significant change to operated mileage. Tenders to be sought for revised contract to include additional journeys to fill gaps in bus service provision caused by the withdrawal of commercial service
Contract 0914G Glasgow Inner Circle (services 89/90)	Timetable and route of services would be revised with effect from 11 May 2015 to coincide with the opening of the South Glasgow Hospital complex, as well as to address minor running time inconsistencies (no additional cost)
Contract W066C1 Lomond Shores – Rosshead – Bonhill (service 207)	The specification within the contract under which service 207 was delivered was altered to fill a gap in bus service provision between Dumbarton and Helensburgh caused by the withdrawal of a commercial service (additional cost of £10,660 per annum)

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Contracts 9603D and W021C Croy – Balloch – Craigmarnock – Carrickstone – Cumbernauld (service 403)	The timetable and route of subsidised service 403 within contracts 9603D and W021C was amended to fill a gap in bus service provision in the Greenfaulds area of Cumbernauld caused by the withdrawal of a commercial service, with effect from 13 April 2015 (additional costs of £1,936 per annum for contract 9603D and by £492 per annum for contract W021C)

#### 10. Community Transport projects: grant funding

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There was submitted and noted a report (issued) of 22 April 2015 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

(1) providing a brief summary of the following Community Transport projects which had been awarded grant funding during the period 1 September 2014 to 31 March 2015:-

- Access to Employment (Ayr);
- Ardgowan Hospice Patient Transport Service;
- Coalfield Community Transport;
- Community Transport East Renfrewshire;
- Community Transport Glasgow;
- Getting Better Together;
- NATA (North Area Transport Association);
- The Rural Development Trust Ltd;
- South West Community Transport; and
- Voluntary Action South Lanarkshire – CamGlen NHS Volunteer Car Project.