



Amendments to subsidised local bus service contracts

Date of meeting 26 April 2026

Date of report 16 April 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 January 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 January 2024, through delegated powers.

4. Committee action

The Committee is recommended to note the amendments to subsidised local bus 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>The amendments are 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 £66,169 to SPT in</i>

2024/2025 when compared current projections for these contracts.

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.

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

Amendments to subsidised local bus service contracts

Contract	Service No	Description	Operator	Effective date	Remarks	Cost	Local Authority
6517H,6518H,6519H,6520H,6521H,6522H,6524H,6628K,6747N	321/322/323/323A/324	Brodick - Blackwaterfoot/Whiting Bay/Corriecravie	Western Buses	7 Jan 2024	Subject to a Western Bus timetable retiming exercise, SPT supported service(s) required adjusted to maintain efficient alignment.	Cost Neutral	NA
6169J	358/360	Girvan - Ayr	Western Buses	7 Jan 2024	Subject to a Western Buses commercial network/timetable retiming exercise, SPT supported service(s) required adjusted to maintain efficient alignment.	Cost Neutral	SA
6985J	358/360	Stranraer - Ballantrae - Girvan - Girvan Academy - Ayr	Western Buses	7 Jan 2024	Subject to a Western Buses commercial network/timetable retiming exercise, SPT supported service(s) required adjusted to maintain efficient alignment.	Cost Neutral	SA
LS060G	25/A/B/C/D/E X36A	Ardrossan/Irvine - Kilwinning - Kilbirnie - Beith	Western Buses	7 Jan 2024	Service 25/A/B/C/D/E subject to a Western Buses commercial network/timetable retiming and rerouting exercise, SPT supported service required adjusted to maintain efficient alignment.	Cost Neutral	NA
W041D	585A	Largs - Ardrossan - Stevenston	Western Buses	7 Jan 2024	Subject to a Western Buses commercial network/timetable retiming and rerouting exercise, SPT supported service required adjusted to maintain efficient alignment.	Cost Neutral	NA
8811G	302	Helensburgh - Arrochar - Carrick Castle	Garelochhead Coaches	8 Jan 2024	Introduction of a revised timetable to address reliability concerns as a consequence of frequent road network restrictions upon B828/A83 Rest and be Thankful.	Cost Neutral	A&B

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4865E	191	Lanark - Symington - Biggar	Stuarts Coaches	14 Jan 2024	Alteration to the Sunday timetable of service 191 to remove late evening journeys, due to low passenger demand.	£23.58 reduction per week	SL
6941B	347	Rankinston - Dronan - Coylton - Ayr	Western Buses	14 Jan 2024	Subject to a Western Buses commercial network/timetable retiming exercise, SPT supported service(s) required adjusted to maintain efficient alignment.	Cost Neutral	EA, SA
LS005W	59	Mosspark - Glasgow	McGills Buses	14 Jan 2024	Subject to a McGills Buses retiming exercise to maintain efficient alignment.	Cost Neutral	GL
LS074V	245, 310	Moodiesburn - Coatbridge (245) Moodiesburn - Shettleston (310)	Craigs of Cumbernauld	21 Jan 2024	Revised daily evening and Sunday morning timetable of service 310 to optimise driver resource deployment.	£125.60 reduction per week	NL, GL
W126D	106	Coatbridge - Shawhead	United Coaches	17 Mar 2024	Contract terminated subject to incumbent supplier registering/overlying commercial mileage, causing contract redundancy.	£1092.21 reduction per week	NL
W049E	21	Paisley - Renfrew - Braehead	McGills Buses	18 Mar 2024	Revised timetable and service number 23P in-line with commercial network changes, effective 18 March 2024.	Cost Neutral	RC