

## Amendments to subsidised local bus service contracts

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**Date of meeting** 25 April 2025

**Date of report** 7 April 2025

**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 31 January 2025.

### 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 instructs minor adjustments to a number of other contracts 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 through delegated powers since the last Operations Committee meeting of 31 January 2025.

### 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 terms of SPT's terms and conditions of contract for transport services.</i>
Financial consequences	<i>The amendments to contracts detailed in this committee paper will result in reduced costs of £124,205 to SPT in 2025/2026 when compared to projected costs included in the approved 2025/2026 budget for these contracts.</i>

Personnel consequences	<i>None directly.</i>
Equalities consequences	<i>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.</i>
Risk consequences	<i>None directly.</i>
Climate Change, Adaptation & Carbon consequences	<i>Supported bus services help reduce transport emissions through encouraging modal shift to more sustainable travel.</i>

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## APPENDIX 1

### Amendments to subsidised local bus service contracts

Contract	Service No	Description	Operator	Effective date	Remarks	Cost Effect	Local Authority
W151	208/218	Silverton - Dumbarton - Brucehill/Westcliff	McColl's Travel	29 December 2024	Contract termination: last day of operation being 28 December 2024. Contract awarded to operate from 11 July 2021 until 10 July 2027.	£1,133 decrease per week. (Total reduction over remaining contract period £149,641)	WDC
9557H	8/A, 9, 39, 210 and 202	Lanark - Lesmahagow/Glespin (service 8/A 9 39) Salsburgh - Monklands Hospital (service 202) Law - Wishaw General Hospital (service 210)	Stuarts Coaches	12 January 2025	Service 210 journeys removed (Saturday only), as a consequence of commercial service expansion by JMB Travel.	£28 decrease per week. (Total reduction over the remaining contract period £728)	NLC, SLC
W077B	210, 243	Carluke - Law - Wishaw General Hospital (service 210) Carluke - Law - Hamilton (service 243)	Stuarts Coaches	12 January 2025	Evening and Sunday service 210 element removed, as a consequence of commercial service expansion by JMB Travel. 12 months contract extension from 12 July 2025 until 11 July 2026.	£461 decrease per week. (Total reduction over the extended contract period £35,958)	NLC, SLC
W008D	93 193	Coltness - Wishaw - Netherton (service 93) Parkside - Wishaw - Pather (service 193)	JMB Travel	12 January 2025	Introduction of daily evening journeys of service 210 (see 9557H & W077B) and the amendment to the timetable of Sunday service 193. Contract awarded to operate from 5 February 2023 until 12 July 2025.	£599 increase per week. (Total increase over remaining contract period £15,574)	NLC, SLC
W085F	307	Lochwinnoch - Johnstone	McGill's Buses	2 February 2025	Route variation in Lochwinnoch to address vehicle access issues. Contract awarded to operate from 15 July 2018 until 12 July 2025.	£31 decrease per week. (Total reduction over the contract period £718)	RC
W065F	1/A 2/A X6A X7	Kilmacolm - Bridge of Weir - Houston - Linwood - Johnstone Greenock - Kilmacolm	McGill's Buses	2 February 2025	Service 1, 2 and 2A Monday to Saturday journeys removed, as a consequence of new commercial service introduction by Johnstone Area Community Transport. Contract awarded to operate from 16 July 2023 until 11 July 2026.	£2,518 decrease per week. (Total reduction over the contract period £188,859)	RC, IC

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6521H	322 323 323/A 324	Brodick - Blackwaterfoot	Stagecoach Western Buses	2 February 2025	Revised timetable to improve passenger connections with a revised ferry timetable, from 2 February 2025 until 28 April 2025. Contract awarded to operate from 31 March 2019 until 12 July 2025.	£15 increase per week. (Total increase over contract variation period £1,821)	EAC
W103B1	141	Partick - Gartnavel Hospital	McColl's Travel	16 February 2025	Timetable revision (reliability). Contract awarded to operate from 11 July 2021 until 11 July 2026.	Cost Neutral	GCC
LS009F	206	Westcliff/Dumbarton - Tullichewan	McColl's Travel	16 February 2025	Timetable revision (reliability). Removed one very low used Sunday evening journey. Contract awarded to operate from 17 July 2022 until 15 July 2028.	Cost Neutral	WDC
LS040L	128	Glasgow - Stobhill Hospital	McColl's Travel	16 February 2025	Timetable revision (reliability). Removed one very low used Monday to Friday evening journey. Contract awarded to operate from 17 July 2022 until 11 July 2026.	Cost Neutral	GCC
LS097Q	184/184A	Antonine Park - Clydebank - Whitecrook	McColl's Travel	16 February 2025	Timetable revision (reliability). Contract awarded to operate from 17 July 2022 until 15 July 2028.	Cost Neutral	WDC
W012D	305,306,309	Alexandria - Balloch - Luss (service 305) Alexandria - Helensburgh (service 306) Alexandria - Drymen - Balmaha (service 309)	McColl's Travel	16 February 2025	Service 305, amendment to the route, removed low used Monday to Saturday morning journeys, timetable revision (reliability). Service 309 removed a very low used Monday to Friday morning journey and timetable revision (reliability). Contract (shared with Stirling Council) awarded to operate from 17 July 2022 until 15 July 2028.	£45 decrease per week. (Total reduction over the extended contract period £8,180)	WDC A&B
W017F	84	Twechar - Kirkintilloch	McColl's Travel	16 February 2025	Removed very low used journeys. Contract awarded to operate from 11 July 2021 until 10 July 2027.	Cost Neutral	EDC

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W038J	70	Lochfield - Hunterhill - Paisley	McColl's Travel	16 February 2025	Timetable revision (reliability). Contract awarded to operate from 17 July 2022 until 12 July 2025.	Cost Neutral	RC
W064D	47/A	Milngavie - Kirkintilloch	McColl's Travel	16 February 2025	Timetable revision (reliability). Contract awarded to operate from 17 July 2022 until 15 July 2028.	Cost Neutral	EDC
W066F	207	Lomond Shores - Balloch - Bonhill	McColl's Travel	16 February 2025	Timetable revision (reliability). Contract awarded to operate from 17 July 2022 until 15 July 2028.	Cost Neutral	WDC