

Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Minute of Operations Committee

14 November 2014

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 14 November 2014

- Present** Councillors Denis McKenna (Chair), Jim Coleman, Charlie Gilbert (substitute), Bill Grant, Kaye Harmon, Alan Moir, Robert G MacIntyre, Bobby McDill, Hamish Stewart and David Wilson and appointed member Graham Johnston.
- 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) and Neil Wylie, Director of Finance and HR.
- Also attending** John Yellowlees, ScotRail.

1. Apologies

Apologies were submitted from Councillors Malcolm Balfour, Tony Buchanan, Lawrence O'Neill and appointed member Niall McGrogan.

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 3 October 2014 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 6 November 2014 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 Stewart in further explanation and in answer to members' questions, the committee noted the terms of the report.

5. Subsidised local bus service contract recommendations – financial implications

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 5 November 2014 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support) advising the committee of the financial implications of members' possible decisions relating to further items on the agenda.

After discussion, the committee

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- (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 contracts awarded under delegated powers

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There was submitted and noted a report (issued) of 30 October 2014 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) informing members of a temporary contract awarded under delegated authority for the period 27 October 2014 – 25 April 2015 which was wholly funded by Glasgow City Council; and
- (2) advising members that the tendering process would continue to ensure that the contract was replaced on a more long term basis.

7. Award of temporary MyBus contract

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After consideration of a report (issued) of 6 November 2014 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations) informing members that the contract for the Renfrewshire Area MyBus Service (Contract 9600A) (which also included elements of certain local services) had been terminated on 1 November 2014 due to the contractor's poor performance, the committee noted

- (1) that a contract had been awarded on a temporary basis to McColls Commercial Repairs Ltd with effect from 2 November 2014 at a weekly cost of £5,750 (£299,000 per annum); and
- (2) that the tendering process would continue to ensure that the contract was replaced on a more long term basis.

8. Amendments to subsidised local bus service contracts

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After consideration of a report (issued) of 30 October 2014 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations) detailing an amendment to a subsidised local bus service arising from changed circumstances, the committee noted the alteration to the route and the timetable of service 320 and alteration to the timetable of service 27, both within contract W050C in the North Ayrshire Council area, with effect from 12 October 2014.

9. Proposed award of subsidised local bus service contracts

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 30 October 2014 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) providing information on the tenders received for a number of subsidised local bus service contracts which were required as a result of the non-acceptance of an award of a package of contracts by Henderson Travel, together with service withdrawals by McGill's Buses and Glasgow Citybus; and

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- (2) recommending the award of appropriate contracts.

After discussion, the committee

- (a) agreed to the award of the following contracts for the contract period 11 January 2015 to 15 July 2017:-
- (i) contract 3164G (service 329) to First Glasgow at a cost of £366,145;
 - (ii) package 16291, containing contracts 4761F1 (service 16) and W061A (services 226, 227 and 228), to JJ Travel at a cost of £180,000;
 - (iii) contract 4898Y(service 209) to First Glasgow at a cost of £98,774;
 - (iv) contract LS040F (service 128) to Skyline Coaches at a cost of £201,240;
 - (v) contract LS082B (service 31) to First Glasgow at a cost of £177,767;
 - (vi) contract LS097M (service 184, 184A) to Glasgow Citybus at a cost of £181,763;
 - (vii) contract W066C1(service 207) to McColls Coaches at a cost of £45,500; and
- (b) agreed to the award of contract W080B1 (service 141) to McGill's Buses at a cost of £50,284 for the contract period 11 January 2015 to 16 July 2016; and
- (c) noted that formal awards of the above contracts were subject to satisfaction of the requirements of the mandatory standstill period for EU advertised public sector contracts.

10. Requests for subsidised local bus services

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 6 November 2014 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations) advising members of various requests for the provision of subsidised local bus services.

After consideration and having heard Mr Stewart in answer to members' questions, the committee agreed as follows in respect of the undernoted requests:-

Request	Decision
To provide a Sunday service between Cumnock and Glasgow, to arrive in Glasgow for 1000 hours (Report item a)	Investigate costs to operate an early morning link between Cumnock and Kilmarnock which would allow interchange with existing services for onward travel, to arrive in Glasgow before 1000 hours
To provide service links between Douglas and Lesmahagow (Report item b)	Investigate provision within existing subsidised network in surrounding areas

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Request

To provide service links at peak times between Crawford and Lesmahagow, Hamilton, Motherwell and Glasgow

(Report item c)

Decision

Investigate direct links and interchange opportunities within existing public transport network