Operations Committee



Contracts awarded under delegated powers - for noting

Date of meeting26 January 2024Date of report8 January 2023

Report by Head of Bus Strategy & Delivery

1. Object of report

To notify the Committee of subsidised local bus service and MyBus contracts awarded utilising delegated powers.

2. Background to report

It has been necessary to permit the award of subsidised local bus service contracts as allowed for in the Scheme of Delegations. This has been done to maintain service continuity to the travelling public.

Appendix 1 details the subsidised local bus and MyBus service contracts involved since the last meeting of 3 November 2023 outwith the annual contract renewal process.

3. Committee action

The Committee is recommended to note the subsidised local bus service and MyBus contracts awarded utilising delegated powers, thus ensuring that socially necessary gaps in the public transport are provided for.

4. Consequences

Policy consequences	In line with the Regional Transport Strategy and SPT's framework for local bus services.
Legal consequences	All contracts will be awarded subject to SPT's terms and conditions for transport contracts.
Financial consequences	The award of the contracts detailed in this committee paper will result in additional costs of £16,674 to SPT and £3,532 to West Lothian Council in 2023/2024. If these contracts continue beyond their current end dates, then the full year impact would represent increased costs of £45,894 to SPT and £14,129 to West Lothian Council in 2024/2025.
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

Contracts awarded utilising delegated powers - for noting

Contract	Service No	Description	Original Operator	Start / End	Remarks	Contract Cost	Total Contract Cost	Awarded to
W170T1	23	Springhill - Shotts - Harthill - Whitburn	McGill's Scotland East	3 Dec 2023 / 13 July 2024	Award of contract W170T1 (service 23) to Scottish Citylink Coaches. West Lothian Council to contribute 40% of the cost for mileage operated outwith the SPT boundary. *60% SPT contribution.	*£45,811.20	£76,352.00	Scottish Citylink Coaches
W174T	6	Hawkhead - Paisley	Key Coaches	3 Dec 2023 / 13 July 2024	Temporary contract to partly replace withdrawn commercial service 3, by Key Coaches.	£8,800.00	£8,800.00	McGill's Buses
9621T	M93/600 (M18, M94, 850)	East Dunbartonshire/ Glasgow MyBus	N/A	16 Jan 2024 / 13 July 2024	Introduction of additional MyBus provision during peak demand Tuesday to Fridays between 0930 - 1330 only.	£15,600.00	£15,600.00	PVT Transfer