

Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Minute of Operations Committee

30 May 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 30 May 2014

Present Councillors Denis McKenna (Chair), Malcolm Balfour, Jim Coleman, Charlie Gilbert (substitute), Bill Grant, Kaye Harmon, Chris Kelly, Robert G MacIntyre, Bobby McDill, Hamish Stewart and David Wilson.

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.

1. Apologies

Apologies were submitted from Councillors Tony Buchanan, Alan Moir and Duncan Cumming (substitute) 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 14 March 2014 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

Arising from the minute with reference to page 3, paragraph 8, Mr Stewart informed members that, due to being in receipt of cancellation documentation for the local service aspect contained within contract 9593D, the contract, previously awarded to Henderson Travel, would be re-tendered.

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

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 22 May 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 15 May 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.

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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 contracts awarded under delegated powers

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There was submitted and noted a report (issued) of 14 May 2014 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) appending a list of temporary contracts awarded under delegated authority since the beginning of March 2014, to ensure that gaps in the network arising from commercial market changes were filled; and
- (2) advising members that the tendering process would continue to ensure that the contracts were replaced on a more long term basis.

7. Proposed renewal of subsidised local bus service contract

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There was submitted a report (issued) of 14 May 2014 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

- (1) informing members of the tenders received for the renewal of a local subsidised bus service; and
- (2) recommending the award of an appropriate contract.

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

- (a) agreed to the award of contract W060A Greenock - Wemyss Bay –Largs (services 576 and 578) to McGill's Buses at a cost of £112,320 for the contract period 13 July 2014 to 15 July 2017; and
- (b) noted that the award of the contract was subject to satisfaction of the requirements of the mandatory standstill period for EU advertised public sector contracts.

8. Proposed amendments to subsidised local bus service contracts

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After consideration of a report (issued) of 9 May 2014 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 4427A Wishaw General Hospital – Law – Carluke (service 10)	Provision of additional Monday to Friday early morning journey between Law and Wishaw General Hospital to fill gap left by commercial operator, with effect from 12 May 2014 (additional cost of £50 per week)

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Contract	Amendment
Contract W050T4 Kilwinning - Irvine (service 27)	Alteration to route of service 27 to accommodate long term closure of Fleming Terrace, Irvine, with effect from 24 February 2014 (no additional cost)
Contract 6544P Irvine – Kilbirnie/Beith (service 125 (Sundays))	Alteration to route of service 125 (Sundays) to accommodate long term closure of Fleming Terrace, Irvine, with effect from 24 February 2014 (no additional cost)
Contract 4945L1 Carluke – Law - Hamilton (service 243)	Contract cancelled with effect from 12 July 2014. Service contained within new consolidated contract awarded to cover period from 13 July 2014 to 15 July 2017

9. Requests for subsidised local bus services

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There was submitted and approved a report (issued) of 1 May 2014 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Operations) advising members of three requests for the provision of subsidised local bus services and recommending no action in respect of each request.