Committee report



Contracts awarded under delegated powers

Committee Operations

Date of meeting24 August 2018Date of report05 July 2018

Report by Assistant Chief Executive

1. Object of report

To brief the Committee of key market and network changes over the preceding periods which have resulted in subsidised local bus service contracts being awarded utilising delegated powers.

2. Background

Members may be aware of a significant number of network changes occurring during the early parts of 2018. The previous Operations Committee were advised of significant changes in the Renfrewshire area by McGill's which resulted in SPT awarding some services on a subsidised basis.

Further to this, McGill's registered the withdrawal of six services in the North Lanarkshire area and, although similarly to the Renfrewshire withdrawals, SPT endeavoured to encourage the rest of the market to respond commercially, this was unsuccessful.

In both instances, patronage data was unavailable despite this being requested from the operator and therefore short term contracts have been awarded to allow data to be collated, and a more informed decision taken at a later stage.

The Scheme of Delegations allows the award of these contracts for operational continuity and service provision.

Appendix 1 details the subsidised local bus service contracts involved since June 2018, including those arising from the above set of circumstances.

Tendering processes continue to ensure that contracts are monitored, reviewed and, where justified, replaced on a sustainable basis.

3. Committee action

The Committee is recommended to note the subsidised local bus service contracts awarded under delegated powers, thus ensuring that gaps in socially necessary public transport are addressed.

4. Consequences

Policy consequences None directly.

Legal consequences	None directly.
Financial consequences	The award of contracts detailed in the committee paper will result in additional costs to SPT of £367,472 in 2018/19 if projected to March 2019.
Personnel consequences	None directly.
Risk consequences	None directly, although long term replacement will have adverse impact on the budget available.

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Contracts awarded under delegated powers - for noting

Service No	Description	Original Operator	Start / End	Remarks	Contract Cost	Awarded to
329	Glasgow City Centre – Roystonhill – Stobhill Hospital	McGill's	24 June 2018 / 24 November 2018	Following the withdrawal of Monday to Friday commercial service 329, by McGill's, SPT cancelled contract 3164P (Saturday and Sunday) and a daily contact has been awarded, to provide sufficient time to review and arrange a sustainable replacement.	£19,250, which equates to £875 per week	McGill's
147/A, 247	Monklands Hospital – Cumbernauld – Kirkintilloch/ Kilsyth	McGill's	24 June 2018 / 24 November 2018	Following the withdrawal of commercial service 247 by McGill's, SPT cancelled contract 2827M and a contact has been awarded, to provide sufficient time to review and arrange a sustainable replacement.	£76,758, which equates to £3,489 per week	McGill's
213	Airdrie – Coatbridge – Bargeddie – Glasgow	McGill's	24 June 2018 / 24 November 2018	Following the withdrawal of commercial service 213 by McGill's, SPT cancelled contract W056D and a contact has been awarded, to provide sufficient time to review and arrange a sustainable replacement.	£36,102, which equates to £1,641 per week	McGill's
16, 117	Carnbroe – Coatbridge – Chapelhall - Salsburgh	McGill's	24 June 2018 / 24 November 2018	Following the withdrawal of commercial service 202 by McGill's, SPT cancelled contracts 4761G and W024G, and a consolidated contact has been awarded, to provide sufficient time to review and arrange a sustainable replacement.	£34,100, which equates to £1,550 per week	McNairn's Coaches

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106/A	Coatbridge Town Centre – Shawhead – Kirkshaws	McGill's	24 June 2018 / 24 November 2018	Following the withdrawal of commercial service 212 by McGill's a contact has been awarded, to provide sufficient time to review and arrange a sustainable replacement.	£13,574, which equates to £617 per week	McGill's
312	Monklands Hospital – Plains – Caldercruix	McGill's	24 June 2018 / 24 November 2018	Following the withdrawal of commercial service 212 by McGill's, a contact has been awarded, to provide sufficient time to review and arrange a sustainable replacement.	£19,338, which equates to £879 per week	McGill's
49A	Logan – Cumnock Hospital – Craigens	Western Buses	15 July 2018 / 10 July 2021	Following the withdrawal of the Coalfield Community Trust tender submission, a short-notice award has been arranged to the "next in- line bid".	£133,110, which equates to £853.27 per week	Western Buses
DRT, X50	Three Valleys DRT Glespin – Hamilton (service x50) (2 SPT Vehicles)	McGill's	8 July 2018 / 12 January 2019	Despite repeated endeavours to secure a sustainable solution, procurement through prevailing method has produced tender returns in excess of current guidelines. A contract has therefore been awarded, to provide sufficient time to develop, advertise and award a sustainable replacement.	£100,683, which equates to £3,729 per week	JMB Travel

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DRT, 344/A/B,348, 349,403A/B	Lanarkshire DRT + 344/A/B,348,349,403A/B (3 SPT Vehicles)	McGill's	8 July 2018 / 12 January 2019	Despite repeated endeavours to secure a sustainable solution, procurement through prevailing method has produced tender returns in excess of current guidelines. A contract has therefore been awarded, to provide sufficient time to develop, advertise and award a sustainable replacement.	£196,290, which equates to £7,270 per week	McGill's
101,102	Dumfries – Biggar – Edinburgh	Western Buses	19 August 2018 / 14 August 2022	SWestrans administered contract SW/18/101/A for the provision of joint funded cross-boundary services 101 / 102. Funded collectively by partners SWestrans, Scottish Borders Council and Midlothian Council.	£132,140, p.a. which equates to £2,541.15 per week (to SPT)	Western Buses