



### Contracts awarded under delegated powers

**Committee** Operations

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**Date of report** 09 January 2020

#### Report by Assistant Chief Executive

#### 1. Object of report

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

#### 2. Background

It has been necessary to award subsidised local bus service contracts as allowed for in the Scheme of Delegations. This has been done in order to react to commercial local bus market changes and ensure that, where budget allows, service continuity to the travelling public continues. In each circumstance, SPT endeavoured to encourage the market to respond commercially, although this was unsuccessful.

Appendix 1 details the subsidised local bus service contracts involved since November 2019.

Tendering processes continue to ensure that all 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, utilising delegated powers, thus ensuring that socially necessary gaps in the public transport network arising from commercial local bus market changes are provided for.

#### 4. Consequences

Policy consequences

*In line with Regional Transport Strategy.*

Legal consequences

*All contracts are awarded subject to SPT's conditions of contract for transport contracts and where applicable, vehicle lease agreements.*

Financial consequences

*The award of contracts detailed in the committee paper will result in additional costs to SPT of £57,188 in 2019/20 and £228,750 in 2020/21 if these contracts continue beyond current end dates.*

Personnel consequences	<i>None directly.</i>
Equalities consequences	<i>Seeks to reduce the incidence of social exclusion by supporting socially necessary bus services.</i>
Risk consequences	<i>None directly.</i>

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Contracts awarded utilising delegated powers - for noting

Contract	Service No	Description	Original Operator	Start / End	Remarks	Contract Cost	Awarded to
W147T1	212, 213A	Airdrie - Coatbridge - Kirkwood - Baillieston	United Coaches	19 November 2019 / 11 July 2020	Following the withdrawal of United Coaches commercial service 13 (Coatbridge to Baillieston), an 8 month contract has been awarded, to provide sufficient time to develop, advertise and award a sustainable replacement.	£88,500, which equates to £2,603 per week	McNairn's Coaches
W149T	34A	Forth - Shotts	Blue Bus	23 December 2019 / 28 March 2020	Following the withdrawal of Blue Buses commercial service 77 (Lanark to Livingston) SPT explored a number of options to address a gap in the network within the SPT area. Subsequently, a contract was awarded for a 14 week period, providing subsidy on a section of route between Forth and Shotts upon service 34A which will operate from Lanark to Livingston. This will allow sufficient time to assess patronage, and develop a sustainable long-term solution.	£28,000, which equates to £2,000 per week	Stuart's Coaches