
SOUTH WEST OF SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP

Meeting of Friday 1 April 2016
at 10.30am at Council Hall, Council Offices, English Street, Dumfries, DG1 2DD

Present

Members

Tom McAughtrie (Chairman)	-	Dumfries and Galloway Council
David Bryson (Vice– Chairman)	-	External Member
Richard Brodie	-	Dumfries and Galloway Council
Marion McCutcheon	-	Dumfries and Galloway Council
Alistair McKinnon	-	External Member
Denis Male	-	Dumfries and Galloway Council
John Syme	-	Dumfries and Galloway Council

Officials and Advisers

Josef Coombey	-	Policy & Projects Officer
Steven Herriott	-	Lead Officer
Douglas Kirkpatrick	-	Service Manager (Sustainable Travel)
James Parker	-	Rural Transport Solutions Coordinator
Claire Rogerson	-	Secretary to the Board
Janet Sutton	-	Finance Officer

Observers

Graham Whiteley		
Ian Walker	-	Accessible Transport Forum

1. SEDERUNT AND APOLOGIES

7 Members present.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

NONE declared.

3. LOCAL BUS SERVICE FUNDING 2016

PROCEDURE – Copies of the presentation and the Consultation Responses (Appendix 1 of the report) were tabled and distributed to those present. These are included in this minute as **Appendices 1 and 2**.

A presentation on local bus options to achieve the required savings was provided to the board by Douglas Kirkpatrick, Service Manager (Sustainable Travel). This is included as **Appendix 1** to this minute.

Decision

The Board:-

3.1 **NOTED** the comments received through the short consultation period and **ACKNOWLEDGED** their appreciation to those who provided feedback as detailed in **Appendix 2** of this minute, which listed the responses of 81 respondents, and included a petition signed by 1675 people.

3.2 **AGREED** to accept the options highlighted in the report where savings or increased income could be achieved, which reduced the overall target for local bus savings by £110,000 to £205,000, being:-

3.2.1 no renewal of the annual maintenance and supply charges for the Real Time displays and system for 1 year only;

3.2.2 no renewal of the Bus Stops Asset Management package annual maintenance and supply charge;

3.2.3 a 12.5% increase in the recharge for carriage of statutory scholars on local bus contracts;

3.2.4 reduced expenditure on administration across the SWestrans business; and

3.2.5 publicity reduced to 1 timetable guide per year.

3.3 **NOTED** the willingness to engage with SWestrans on these negotiations and the high level of co-operation that has been provided by all the bus operators to reach agreed price reductions.

AGREED

3.4 the services recommended for removal highlighted in green in Appendix 5 of the report, which were those under the headings of:- “no impact, possible commercial alternative, frequency reduction on town services, high subsidy per passenger / low use and late evening / low use”.

3.5 to receive a further report at the 13 May 2016 Board meeting on the services highlighted in amber under the heading “Sunday Evening” in Appendix 5 of the report, noting that these needed further consideration with particular regard to improving rail and bus connectivity, possible impact on employment and the relatively high usage figures.

3.6 the reduction / removal of the services highlighted in amber under the heading “Evening and Sunday (lower impact)” in Appendix 5 of the report, and

3.7 not to progress any of the savings highlighted in amber under the heading “Evening and Sunday (Higher Impact)” in Appendix 5 of the report.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN MAY DECIDE IS URGENT DUE TO THE NEED FOR A DECISION

Decision

The Board **NOTED** that there was no business deemed urgent by the Chairman due to the need for a decision.

PROCEDURE – The Board agreed to consider the following item of business in private and exclude the press, members of the public and observers from the meeting given that the report contained confidential or exempt information as defined by the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

.5. LOCAL BUS SERVICES- CONTRACTS

PROCEDURE– As this matter included a decision for homologation, for clarity this item was considered in 2 parts – 5A and 5B.

5A - Summary of Report – This report requested that the Board agree the award of a contract for a local bus service.

5B - Summary of Report – This report informed the Board of the outcome of a contract award following the cancellation of a commercially provided journey.

Approval was sought under Standing Order 19 – Matters of Special Importance and Urgency – Delegation to Lead Officer due to the decision on the award of this contract being required prior to the next scheduled meeting of the Board.

.Decision

The Board **AGREED**:-

5A - to award the contract for SW/16/367/A (Stranraer to Portpatrick).

5B - to **HOMOLOGATE** the decision of the Lead Officer, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman to award the contract for SW/16/382/X.