

West Dunbartonshire Council

Report by the Director of Education and Cultural Services

Children's Services Committee: 17 May 2006

Subject: Mainstream School Transport - Contracts Arranged for West Dunbartonshire Council by Strathclyde Passenger Transport (SPT)

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1** To present to the Children's Services Committee for information contracts to be awarded for sums not exceeding £30,000.
- 1.2** To present to the Children's Services Committee for approval contracts to be awarded for sums exceeding £60,000.

2. Background

- 2.1** In the report by the Director of Education and Cultural Services on school transport to the Children's Services Committee of 18 January 2006 the Director sought and was granted approval to make the necessary arrangements to secure mainstream contracts for session 2006/2007, and in some instances up until session 2010/2011.
- 2.2** Members will be aware that in the Standing Orders for West Dunbartonshire Council, it is stated that:
 - a) contracts for sums not exceeding £60,000 may be awarded by the appropriate Director; but that those between £30,000 and £60,000 require to be notified to Members;
 - b) contracts for sums exceeding £60,000 require to be submitted to the appropriate Committee for approval.

3. Policy Issues

- 3.1** The Children's Services Committee of 16 February 2005 required the Director to consider the provision of seatbelts on school contracts via the tendering process. As a result all primary school contracts had only tender options including seatbelts, and secondary school contracts had a range of tender options including seatbelts.

- 3.2** It should be noted that through the tendering and renewal of contract process there has been the opportunity to provide buses with seatbelts for all but 2 primary school contracts. The remaining contracts involving St. Mary's Primary School, Alexandria, are due for renewal in 2008. There will be discussion with the existing contractor however to investigate whether seatbelt provision can be made during the existing contract period.

4. List of Contracts

- 4.1** The list of contracts is attached. It is recommended that all contracts are awarded for a 3 year period. It presents separately:
- a) contracts for sums not exceeding £30,000 for the information of Members (Appendix I);
 - b) those for sums exceeding £60,000 for Members approval (Appendix II).
- 4.2** It should be noted that 11 contracts were advertised and bids were received for 8 contracts. Three outstanding contracts involve individual or small groups of children and it is likely that taxi transport will be the preferred option. SPT will re-advertise the 3 contracts with a view to the Director of Education & Cultural Services awarding these contracts which will be under £30,000.

5. Personnel Issues

- 5.1** No implications.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1** As noted in appendices.

7. Recommendations

It is recommended that:

- (a) The Children's Services Committee notes for information those contracts to be awarded in conjunction with Strathclyde Passenger Transport for sums not exceeding £30,000 as detailed in Appendix 1;
- (b) The Children's Services Committee approves the acceptance of those contracts to be awarded in conjunction with Strathclyde Passenger Transport sums in excess of £60,000 as listed in Appendix II.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES

MAINSTREAM SCHOOL TRANSPORT

SUMMARY OF SUCCESSFUL TENDERS 2006/2007, 2007/2008, 2008/2009

Contracts for sums not exceeding £30,000 for the information of the Children's Services Committee.

| <u>CONTRACTOR</u> | <u>CONTRACT NUMBER</u> | <u>VALUE OF CONTRACT*</u> | <u>DURATION OF CONTRACT**</u> |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| Clydebank TOA | 2695H3 | £ 9,690.00 | 3 Years |
| | 2754A3 | £ 9,120.00 | 3 Years |
| TOTAL VALUE OF CONTRACT | | £18,810.00 | |
| McColl's Coaches Ltd | 8121C3 | £ 1,805.00 | 1 Year |
| TOTAL VALUE OF CONTRACT | | £ 1,805.00 | |

* This figure represents the maximum contract value over the maximum contract duration.

** This represents the maximum duration of the contract.

APPENDIX II

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SUMMARY OF SUCCESSFUL TENDERS 2006/2007, 2007/2008, 2008/2009

Contracts for sums exceeding £60,000 for the approval of the Children's Services Committee.

| <u>CONTRACTOR</u> | <u>CONTRACT NUMBER</u> | <u>VALUE OF CONTRACT*</u> | <u>DURATION OF CONTRACT**</u> |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| John Morrow's Coaches | 2147H3 | £ 37,050.00 | 3 Years |
| | 2399J3 | £ 34,200.00 | 3 Years |
| | 2464G3 | £ 31,350.00 | 3 Years |
| | 2613E | £ 3,192.00 | 3 Years |
| | 8008I1 | £ 51,300.00 | 3 Years |
| TOTAL VALUE OF CONTRACT | | £157,092.00 | |

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