
Report To:	Education & Communities Committee	Date:	9 May 2023
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Subject:	School Transport Contracts (Mainstream) – Results of Tenders for Contracts 2023/24, 2024/25 & 2025/26		

1.0 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

- 1.1 For Decision For Information/Noting
- 1.2 The purpose of this report is to obtain approval from the Committee to accept the tenders for mainstream school transport contracts due for renewal from the start of the school session 2023/24 as detailed in section 4.5.
- 1.3 Acceptance of the contracts at this time is essential to enable smooth transition from one contract to another, for pick-up points to be confirmed and if necessary, parents to be notified of any changes to the previous arrangements.
- 1.4 The total annual value of the contracts is £978,984, which represents a decrease of £62k per annum compared to 2022/2023 which will be contained within the existing School Buses budget.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Committee accepts the tenders as set out in section 4.5 for mainstream school transport contracts due for renewal from the start of the school session 2023/24.

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3.0 BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

- 3.1 Inverclyde operates a generous transport policy for mainstream schools. The Council provides transport to school for Primary pupils who one mile or more from their school and in the case of Secondary pupils, two miles or more.
- 3.2 In a small number of cases there may be temporary medical reasons for transporting a pupil over a particular period.
- 3.3 Contracts are awarded on a phased basis by Strathclyde Partnership for Transport ranging from 1 to 3 years.
- 3.4 Inverclyde Council has an agency agreement with Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) to conduct the procurement process, including evaluation of tenders received, on the Council's behalf. Contracts were advertised under the Dynamic Purchasing System and the award criteria, is no longer based on lowest cost, but 90% price and 10% quality. The quality reflects 3 questions: 80% relating to contingency planning on time to provide vehicles in event of breakdown, 10% on presentation and refresh of livery and 10% on community benefit.

4.0 PROPOSALS

4.1 The contracts due for renewal are as follows:

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Contract No	School Area
7008	Inverclyde Academy – Ardgowan View Estate, Inverkip
7015	Moorfoot PS – Castle Levan area
7018	Port Glasgow HS/St Stephen's HS – Quarriers Village/Kilmacolm
7022	St Columba's HS – Ardgowan View/Inverkip
7030	St Ninian's PS- Wemss Bay/Ardgowan Estate, Inverkip
7032	Port Glasgow HS/St Stephen's HS – Glen Avenue/Highholm Avenue
7086	Ardgowan PS – Newark Street/Grieve Road/Eldon Street, Greenock
7088	Notre Dame HS – Weir Street/East Crawford Street/Belville Street, Greenock
7095	St Columba's HS – Wemyss Bay/Faulds Park area
7096	St Columba's HS – Larkfield Area
7233	Inverclyde Academy – Leven Road/Renton Road/Kilmacolm Road, Greenock
7235	Inverclyde Academy – Regent Street/Lyndoch Street, Greenock
7240	Newark PS – Kingston Dock/Lansbury Street/Birkmyre Avenue/Glen Avenue/Springhill Road
7251	Kilmacolm PS – Keystone/Muirhouse Farm/Riverview/High Mathermoch Farm/Balrossie Drive, Kilmacolm
7254	St Columba's HS – Grieve Road/Bow Road/Larkfield Road
7270	St Columba's HS – Branchton Station/Braeside
7271	St Michael's PS – Kelburn Terrace, Port Glasgow
7292	Clydeview Academy – Faulds Park/Castle Levanne/Cloch Road/St Andrew's Drive
7295	St Andrew's PS – Branchton Road/Inverkip Road/Braeside Road/Burns Road
7301	Whinhill PS – Regent Street/Lyndoch Street
7312	Newark PS – Sandray Avenue/Kelburn Terrace, Port Glasgow
7324	St Ninian's PS – Bankfoot Farm, Inverkip/Castle Levan/Trumpethill/Cardwell Road area
7344	Port Glasgow HS – Faulds Farm, Kilmacolm

7361	Port Glasgow HS – Hattrick Farm, Bridge of Weir/South Craigmarloch/High Point Kilmacolm
7369	St Mary's PS – Lyle Grove/Lyle Road, Greenock
7370	Whinhill PS – Port Glasgow/East Greenock
7371	Whinhill PS – Gourock/West Greenock

4.3 Tenders were received from the following operators:

C&R Coaches Ltd T/A Wilson
Temporal Travel Ltd
Gillens Coaches Ltd
Clarke's Coaches Ltd
Hardies Coaches Ltd
Loch Lomond Bus Services Ltd
Ronald Winton T/A Newark Tr
Brian & Patricia Lamb T/A Lambs Coaches Ltd
Coast to Coast Travel Ltd
Inverclyde Taxis Ltd
Ryan Kidd

4.4 Like most other authorities in the former Strathclyde area, Inverclyde Council has an agency agreement with Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) to conduct the procurement process, including evaluation of tenders received, on the Council's behalf and to monitor the level of performance of approved operators on these contracts. Recommendations for the award of contracts were received from SPT who will carry out inspections of vehicles where necessary.

4.5 It is recommended that the following contracts are awarded to the best value tendered in each case, at the undernoted annual cost:

Contract No	Operator	Best Value	Comments
7008	Loch Lomond Buses	£35,910	2 year contract
7015	Lambs Coaches	£30,780	3 year contract
7018	Clarkes Coaches Ltd	£80,809	2 year contract
7022	C&R Coaches Ltd	£75,000	3 year contract
7030	Gillens Coaches Ltd	£47,120	3 year contract
7032	C&R Coaches Ltd	£94,200	2 year contract
7086	Clarkes Coaches Ltd	£24,151	3 year contract
7088	Clarke's Coaches Ltd	£31,909	3 year contract
7095	Loch Lomond Bus Services Ltd	£42,560	2 year contract
7096	Clarkes Coaches Ltd	£36,151	3 year contract
7233	C&R Coaches Ltd	£49,500	2 year contract
7235	Clarkes Coaches Ltd	£40,151	2 year contract
7240	Ronald Winton-T/A Newark Travel	£32,300	3 year contract
7251	Gillens Coaches Ltd	£39,520	2 year contract
7254	Gillens Coaches Ltd	£47,120	3 year contract
7270	Loch Lomond Bus Services Ltd	£37,810	3 year contract
7271	Inverclyde Taxis Ltd	£5,700	1 year contract
7292	Clarkes Coaches Ltd	£40,155	1 year contract
7295	Lambs Coaches	£24,605	3 year contract
7301	Clarkes Coaches Ltd	£20,606	3 year contract
7312	Inverclyde Taxis Ltd	£7,220	3 year contract
7324	Lambs Coaches	£27,930	3 year contract
7344	Inverclyde Taxis Ltd	£9,500	2 year contract

7361	Ryan Kidd-T/A Ryan Kidd Hire	£25,650	2 year contract
7369	Ryan Kidd-T/A Ryan Kidd Hire	£20,900	2 year contract
7370	Clarks Coaches Ltd	£30,515	3 year contract
7371	Temporal Travel Ltd	£21,212	3 year contract

4.6 The quality of vehicles has routinely been based on vehicles under 10 years old for the term of the contract. The contract costs listed here achieve best value using vehicles with no age restriction. Contracts were advertised under the new Dynamic Purchasing System and the award criteria, is no longer based on lowest cost, but 90% price and 10% quality. The quality reflects 3 questions: 80% relating to contingency planning on time to provide vehicles in event of breakdown, 10% on presentation and refresh of livery and 10% on community benefit.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The table below shows whether risks and implications apply if the recommendation(s) is(are) agreed:

SUBJECT	YES	NO	N/A
Financial			
Legal/Risk			
Human Resources			
Strategic (LOIP/Corporate Plan)			
Equalities & Fairer Scotland Duty			
Children & Young People's Rights & Wellbeing			
Environmental & Sustainability			
Data Protection			

5.2 Finance

One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report	Virement From	Other Comments
N/A					

Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact	Virement From (If Applicable)	Other Comments
School Transport	SPT Contract	2023/24	£978,984	N/A	Contained within existing £1.160m budget

5.3 Legal/Risk

Strathclyde Partnership for Transport undertook the tendering exercise on behalf of Inverclyde Council. There are no implications.

5.4 Human Resources

There are no HR implications.

5.5 Strategic

N/A.

5.6 Equalities and Fairer Scotland Duty

(a) Equalities

This report has been considered under the Corporate Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA) process with the following outcome:

	YES – Assessed as relevant and an EqIA is required.
X	NO – This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a substantive change to an existing policy, function or strategy. Therefore, assessed as not relevant and no EqIA is required. Provide any other relevant reasons why an EqIA is not necessary/screening statement.

(b) Fairer Scotland Duty

Has there been active consideration of how this report's recommendations reduce inequalities of outcome?

	YES – A written statement showing how this report's recommendations reduce inequalities of outcome caused by socio-economic disadvantage has been completed.
X	NO – Assessed as not relevant under the Fairer Scotland Duty for the following reasons: Provide reasons why the report has been assessed as not relevant.

5.7 Children and Young People

Has a Children's Rights and Wellbeing Impact Assessment been carried out?

	YES – Assessed as relevant and a CRWIA is required.
X	NO – Assessed as not relevant as this report does not involve a new policy, function or strategy or recommends a substantive change to an existing policy, function or strategy which will have an impact on children's rights.

5.8 Environmental/Sustainability

Has a Strategic Environmental Assessment been carried out?

	YES – assessed as relevant and a Strategic Environmental Assessment is required.
X	NO – This report does not propose or seek approval for a plan, policy, programme, strategy or document which is like to have significant environmental effects, if implemented.

5.9 Data Protection

Has a Data Protection Impact Assessment been carried out?

	YES – This report involves data processing which may result in a high risk to the rights and freedoms of individuals.
X	NO – Assessed as not relevant as this report does not involve data processing which may result in a high risk to the rights and freedoms of individuals.

6.0 CONSULTATION

6.1 N/A.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 N/A.