

ANGUS COUNCIL

INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES COMMITTEE -20 JANUARY 2009

SUBJECT: PUBLIC TRANSPORT UPDATE

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

Abstract: This report informs Members of the results of the recent tendering exercise for the cleaning of bus shelters and associated roadside infrastructure throughout Angus. The outcome of the negotiations with ACIS for the procurement of additional roadside information displays is also reported together with details of local bus service revisions to be introduced by Stagecoach Strathtay within Angus.

1 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee –

1. agree to the award of the contract for the cleaning of Angus bus shelters and roadside infrastructure as detailed in this report;
2. note the final costs for the procurement of real time information displays as part of the 2008/09 capital budget expenditure; and
3. note the service revisions to be introduced by Stagecoach Strathtay on the Tayway corridor between Arbroath and Dundee and within Arbroath on 2 February 2009.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 This report details the results of tender for the contract to clean all bus shelters and bus related roadside infrastructure throughout Angus. The final costs for the procurement of roadside real-time information displays funded from the 2008/09 Planning and Transport capital budget allocation is also reported to Members together with an update of further service changes to be introduced by Stagecoach Strathtay on the Arbroath to Dundee corridor and within Arbroath following a review of their service revisions introduced on 18 August 2008.

3 RESULTS OF TENDER FOR THE CLEANING OF BUS SHELTERS AND BUS RELATED ROADSIDE INFRASTRUCTURE THROUGHOUT ANGUS

- 3.1 It was reported to the 14 October 2008 meeting of this Committee that the contract for the cleaning of bus shelters and bus related infrastructure across Angus was due for renewal. Members agreed at that meeting that tenders should be sought and the results reported back to this Committee for award (Report 989/08 refers).
- 3.2 The results of tender are detailed in Appendix 1 to this report. In total there were 13 tender bids submitted. It is recommended that the contract is awarded to the lowest tenderer, Interserve Technical Services, at a cost of £10,506 per annum. The current

tender price is £12,140 therefore the award of this contract represents an annual saving of £1,634.

4 PROCUREMENT OF REAL TIME INFORMATION DISPLAYS

- 4.1 At the Strategic Policy Committee on 18 March 2008, Members approved the extension of the real time information system within Angus with the procurement of six electrically powered displays (Report 336/08 refers). In addition, the purchase of two wind/solar powered displays for the A90 was approved by this Committee on 26 August 2008 (Report 794/08 refers). Members at the last meeting of this Committee were informed that because of the specialist nature of this equipment the procurement was to be undertaken through negotiated procedures with ACIS the current real-time information provider (Report 1144/08 refers).
- 4.2 The negotiations have been concluded with ACIS and orders placed for the provision of this equipment at a total cost of £62,350. This equipment will be installed by 31 March 2009.

5 STAGECOACH STRATHTAY – LOCAL BUS SERVICE REVISIONS FROM 2 FEBRUARY 2009

- 5.1 At the last meeting of this Committee on 25 November 2008, Members were informed of local bus service revisions being implemented in the Montrose/Brechin areas by Stagecoach Strathtay following a review of the service changes implemented by the company in August 2008 (Report 1144/08 refers). Members were informed that the company intended to make further changes in the New Year to services on the Arbroath to Dundee corridor to address operational issues which had arisen there from the August service changes. These further service revisions are detailed below and are due to commence on 2 February 2009:

Services 73 & 73A

- Services to Dundee in the morning peak will be re-timed to include additional running time - buses will depart earlier from Arbroath but arrival times at Ninewells Hospital will remain as currently scheduled.
- The Timmergreens diversion will be removed from the journeys which operate to/from Arbroath (Cliffburn) with Timmergreens being served by the Arbroath Town services.

Arbroath Town Services

- A 30 minute frequency will be introduced on the town services 41 (Timmergreens), 43 (Kirkton), and 45/45A (Cliffburn) routes.
This represents an increase in service provision for Cliffburn and Kirkton as Cliffburn will continue to benefit from the operation of the 73/73A resulting in a combined 15 minute frequency for much of the day (currently 3 buses per hour). Kirkton will also be served by Service 27 (Arbroath – Forfar) which although is only timed 5 minutes apart on outward journeys, splits the 30 minutes frequency on inward journeys (current frequency 2 buses per hour).

In order to inform the public of these changes, the Transport Team is currently producing revised timetables and will distribute these a week prior to the introduction

of the service changes. Roadside information displays and other publicity material will also be updated.

6 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The award of the bus shelter and associated roadside infrastructure contract to Interserve Technical Services will result in a revenue budget saving for Infrastructure Services of £1,634 per annum.

6.2 The procurement of real-time information signs, as detailed in section 4 above, at a cost of £62,350 is in line with the budget estimates in the Planning & Transport 2008/09 capital programme. This expenditure can therefore be contained within the 2008/09 capital budget provision.

7 CONSULTATION

7.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Services, Head of Finance and Head of Law & Administration have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

8 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

8.1 There are no human rights implications arising from this report.

9 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

9.1 The issues dealt with in this Report have been the subject of consideration from an equalities perspective (as required by legislation). An equalities impact assessment is not required.

10 CONCLUSION

10.1 It is recommended that Members award the contract for the cleaning of bus shelters and bus related roadside infrastructure to Interserve Technical Services.

10.2 Negotiations for the purchase of real-time information displays have been concluded and expenditure is in line with the Planning & Transport capital plan.

10.3 The revisions to Stagecoach Strathtay services on the Tayway corridor between Arbroath and Dundee and to the Arbroath Town network are welcomed and the Council will produce revised timetable and roadside information to inform the public of these changes.

NOTE

No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above Report.

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APPENDIX 1

**RESULTS OF TENDER FOR THE CLEANING OF BUS SHELTERS AND BUS RELATED
ROADSIDE INFRASTRUCTURE ACROSS ANGUS**

Contractor Information	ANNUAL COST (£)
Interserve Technical Services	10,506.00
LS Cleaning Services	13,380.00
Webster Cleaning Contracts	13,764.00
T & N Gilmartin	23,640.00
Trueform	24,058.80
Kingsway Cleaning Services	24,624.00
Dundee Cleaning Services	24,648.00
Loyal Construction	28,245.00
Clean as a Whistle	28,596.00
Logie Building Services	30,372.00
McKean Building Services	31,356.00
Mitie Transport Services	40,652.28
Jet Kleen	90,000.00