

REPORT TO: PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

REPORT ON: LOCAL BUS SERVICE CONTRACTS – REVIEW OF CONTRACT PRICES

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION

REPORT NO: 466-2000

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report recommends a contract price increase of 3.31% for eligible contracts, effective from 1 July 2000.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that Committee:

- i approve the award of a 3.31% contract price increase, for eligible contracts, with effect from 1 July 2000;
- ii note that the Director of Planning and Transportation will contain the additional expenditure of £8,500 within the Planning and Transportation 1999/2000 revenue budget.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 Using the approved formula, the annual increase in contract prices effective from 1 July 2000 is 3.31%.

3.2 The application of these increases will produce an additional estimated expenditure on local bus service contracts of £8,500. This will be contained from within the Planning and Transportation Revenue Budget for 2000/2001.

4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Access to public transport for those people without, or who choose not to use a car is a vital component in contributing to sustainable movement in and around the community.

5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 All contracted, secured bus services provided by the Council adhere to guidelines published by the Disabled Persons Transport Advisory Committee on accessibility.

6 BACKGROUND

6.1 The Committee will recall that the Council may, at its discretion, revise the contract rate in accordance with the movement in the appropriate Government published Retail Price Indices, and revenue trends resulting from fares revision.

The formula for calculating the contract rate increase is based on the indexed price movements detailed in 'Tables 18.2 and 18.11 of the Central Statistical Office's Monthly digest of Statistics. The weightings used are as follows:

TABLE	FACTOR	WEIGHTING
18.2	General Index of Retail Prices Motoring Expenditure	40%
18.11	Average Earnings Index Transport and Communications	60%

The actual calculation of the annual percentage increase due is based on yearly comparisons of monthly figures, with the individual monthly comparisons averaged to produce the annual percentage increase.

7 CONSULTATIONS

- 7.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Finance, Director of Support Services and Director of Corporate Planning, have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report.

8 CONCLUSIONS

- 8.1 The report details the percentage annual increase due to local bus service contracts and the resulting budgetary implications.

9 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 9.1 None

Mike Galloway
Director of Planning and Transportation

Iain Sherriff
Roads and Transportation Manager

11 August 2000

IFS/MHD/RJ

Dundee City Council
Tayside House
Dundee