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Contract

## **North Fife Local Bus Services - Contract Extensions**

Fife Council

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2022/S 000-002346

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-02921f

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

Fife Council

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKM72 - Clackmannanshire and Fife

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.fife.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00187](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00187)

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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**Section II: Object**

**II.1) Scope of the procurement**

**II.1.1) Title**

North Fife Local Bus Services - Contract Extensions

Reference number

10340

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 60112000 - Public road transport services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

Fife Council organises local bus services as permitted by Section 63(2) of The Transport Act 1985. The Council wishes to provide bus services to provide links for communities either not served by the commercial bus network or not served by that network on particular days or at particular times of day.

These bus services which are the subject of this Notice are in North Fife. North Fife is an area comprising, though not exclusively so, the boundaries of the former North-east Fife District Council. In general terms, this area is bounded by Newburgh, Gateside, Falkland, Freuchie, Star, Kennoway and Leven and all points to the north and east within the peninsula. The main urban centres are Cupar, St Andrews and Anstruther. Services may operate wholly within the North Fife area but are not limited by its boundaries and may operate further afield.

On 1st March 2018, Fife Council confirmed to successful operators their place on the framework for the provision of North Fife Local Bus Services. Contracts initially awarded under the framework commenced on 13th August 2018 and ran to 16th August 2020 with the option to extend for one year to 15th August 2021. Information about the award of the framework and contracts awarded under it was published on 5th April 2018 under references: APR315670 / OCID:ocds-r6ebe6-0000512992. Those contracts were extended until 15th August 2021, when the framework expired, and then were further extended until 14th August 2022, a modification notice confirming this was published on 10th February 2021, reference: FEB406408

OCID:ocds-r6ebe6-0000643941. This notice is to extend these existing contracts with the incumbent suppliers for a period of 12 months until 13th August 2023 for the reasons detailed in section IV of this notice.

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

#### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £1,941,611

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 60112000 - Public road transport services

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKM72 - Clackmannanshire and Fife

Main site or place of performance

North Fife

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

These contracts are an extension of the existing contracts for the supply of local bus services in North Fife:

NF/24-1

St Andrews – Guardbridge – Cupar – Pitlessie – Kettlebridge – Ladybank – Freuchie – Glenrothes

NF/41

Kirkcaldy – Windygates – Kennoway – Craigrothie – Ceres – Cupar

NF/53

Cupar – Balmullo – Tayport, Shandwell Road, Elizabeth Street – Dundee

NF/64

A St Andrews – Strathkinness – Pitscottie – Craigrothie – Cupar – Ladybank – Auchtermuchty – Strathmiglo – Falkland –

Glenrothes (circular within St Andrews)

NF/68

Cupar Town Service

NF/77-1

Dundee – Newport on Tay – Wormit – Gauldry – Balmerino

NF/92

St Andrews, Younger Gardens – Hospital – South Street – Guardbridge – Leuchars Rail –

Balmullo – St Michaels – Tayport – (Dundee) –

Newport on Tay – Wormit – Gauldry – Balmerino – St Michaels – Balmullo – Leuchars Rail – Guardbridge – St Andrews, Market Street – Hospital – Younger Gardens – clockwise and anticlockwise

NF/94

St Andrews Bus Station – Guardbridge – Leuchars – St Michaels – Dairsie – Cupar – Cuparmuir – Pitlessie – Kingskettle – Ladybank - Giffordtown – Collessie – Grange of Lindores – Newburgh

NF/95A

Leven – Lower Largo – Upper Largo – Colinsburgh – Elie – Anstruther – Crail – Kingsbarns – St Andrews

NF/OS70

Tayport, Albert Street – Queen Street – Nelson Street – Elizabeth Street – Cupar

NF/TAXIBUS-4

North Fife Flexi Zones

## **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Fair Work Practices / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Added Value / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 90

## **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

## **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

Covid-19, has reduced demand so fares information for specifications can't be provided and it's unclear when passenger numbers will return to pre-Covid levels, leading to difficulty in pricing bids because fare levels are unknown. By extending contracts, we have time to obtain more realistic passenger level data. - Covid-19 has prevented us undertaking on-bus passenger surveys, a more effective tool than online ones with regard to response numbers. Recovered passenger levels will enable accurate surveys. - The Covid Support Grant will be revised/ended at some point, which is likely to impact bus operators' income. There is concern that, when the Government support ends, marginal commercial bus routes will be withdrawn, putting pressure on the Council to subsidise replacements. The impact isn't yet known but we wouldn't want any decisions/outcomes to force us to amend/abandon a procurement in the near future. - Delay to implementing the Under 22s Free Travel Scheme leaves unknowns re. provision of passenger and pupil fare estimates and continued uncertainty over what the Government will be funding with regard to pupils on our registered school buses.

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2021/S 000-031432](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

10340

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

26 January 2022

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 2

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 2

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Stagecoach East Scotland

Unit 9 u/f, Castle Business Centre, Queensferry Road, Pitreavie Industrial Estate

Dunfermline

KY11 8NT

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM7 - Eastern Scotland

The contractor is an SME

No

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Moffat & Williamson Ltd

Old Railway Yard, St Fort, Newport On Tay, Fife

Wormit

DD6 8RG

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM72 - Clackmannanshire and Fife

The contractor is an SME

Yes

### **V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,941,611

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

EXTENSION INFORMATION

CONTRACT - OPERATOR - ANNUAL PRICE GBP

NF/24-1 - Stagecoach - 42,670

NF/41 - Moffat & Williamson - 63,866



NF/53 - Stagecoach - 54,005

NF/64 - Moffat & Williamson - 435,392

NF/68 - Moffat & Williamson - 60,816

NF/77-1 - Stagecoach - 49,813

NF/92 - Moffat & Williamson - 144,472

NF/94 - Stagecoach - 300,593

NF/95A - Stagecoach - 125,806

NF/OS70 - Moffat & Williamson - 71,221

NF/TAXIBUS-4 - Moffat & Williamson - 410,420

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## **VI.4) Procedures for review**

### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Kirkcaldy Sheriff Court

Kirkcaldy

Country

United Kingdom

### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Economic operators should approach the contracting authority in the first instance. However, the only formal remedy is to apply to the courts:

An economic operator that suffers, or is at risk of suffering, loss or damage attributable to a breach of duty under the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 or the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014, may bring proceedings in the Sheriff Court or the Court of Session.