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Report to:	<b>Education Resources Committee</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>19 January 2010</b>
Report by:	<b>Executive Director (Education Resources)</b>

Subject:	<b>Arrangements for Mainstream Transport</b>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ♦ advise the Committee of the arrangements for securing transport to and from school for pupils in South Lanarkshire.

## 2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the proposal to seek an extension to the existing Agency agreement between the Council and Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) in terms of the provision of transport for school pupils in South Lanarkshire until 31 March 2011 be noted.

## 3. Background

- 3.1. In terms of Section 51 of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980, Education Authorities are required to provide transport for certain pupils attending primary or secondary schools.
- 3.2. The contract specification is determined by Education Resources taking account of current legislation and arrangements for contract renewal are undertaken by Strathclyde Partnership for Transport. Generally arrangements are made with private contractors to provide the service.
- 3.3. Contracts for service providers normally cover a three year period, one third being renewed annually. Monitoring and engineering inspections are carried out by Strathclyde Partnership for Transport during the term of contract.
- 3.4. On 30 April 2002, the Education Resources Committee accepted the formal Agency Agreement with Strathclyde Partnership for Transport.
- 3.5. Discussions between SPT and the Council are currently ongoing on the proposal to seek an extension to the current contractual agreements until 31 March 2011.

## 4. Proposal

- 4.1. It is proposed to seek an extension to the existing Agency agreement between the Council and Strathclyde Partnership for Transport in terms of the provision of transport for school pupils in South Lanarkshire.

## **5. Employee Implications**

5.1. None

## **6. Financial Implications**

6.1. The costs can be met from existing budgetary resources.

## **7. Other Implications**

7.1. None

## **8. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements**

8.1. This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy, and therefore, no impact assessment is required.

8.2. Consultation is on-going with SPT on the proposed extension to the existing contract.

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**Executive Director (Education Resources)**

17 December 2009

### **Link(s) to Council Objectives**

- Raise Educational Attainment for All

### **Previous References**

- Education Resources Committee – 30 April 2002

### **List of Background Papers**

- Agency Agreement

### **Contact for Further Information**

If you would like to inspect the background papers or want further information, please contact:-

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