

Appendix 1 - Service Criteria for funding Community Transport Schemes

Funding Criteria for Grant Applications 2015-16

- As all schemes are providing a service for vulnerable adults (and sometimes children), all schemes must ensure that they comply at all times with the prevailing safeguarding requirements for all active volunteers and employees.
- New schemes must implement safeguarding checks from the beginning. Existing schemes will be required to repeat safeguarding checks for all active volunteers and employees in accordance with current legislation.
- All drivers involved in the provision of minibus transport must successfully undertake a driver assessment recognised by the Council, i.e. the Council's own driver training course or MiDAS (Minibus Driver Awareness Scheme). New schemes must implement these assessments from the beginning. All schemes should repeat driver assessments (for all drivers) every 5 years. The Council will meet the cost of any minibus driver undertaking the Council's driver training course.
- All schemes must complete the Health & Safety questionnaire included within the annual funding application pack and return questionnaire with funding application by the closing date.
- Schemes are expected to operate as economically as possible and to keep accurate and audited accounts.
- Schemes must have a properly constituted decision-making body (e.g. management committee) to oversee the project and make the necessary policy decisions.
- Any scheme funded would be expected to develop its own equal opportunities policy.
- All charges to users of schemes should be reasonable, cover running costs and be reviewed annually.
- Applicants will be expected to raise funds from sources outside the Council and these proposals should be described at the time of application so that the financial or other implications can be properly considered.
- New schemes will be considered if submitted with evidence of an unmet need in the area.