

## Single Member Cabinet Decision

Executive  
Forward Plan  
Reference**E2516****Voluntary sector funding applications for community transport  
2013/4**

<b>Decision makers</b>	Cllr Paul Crossley, Leader of the Council Cllr Roger Symonds, Cabinet Member for Transport
<b>The Issue</b>	Funding applications have been received from voluntary sector bodies for the provision of community transport services in 2013/4. This Report gives details of those applications with recommendations on the allocation of funding.
<b>Decision Date</b>	15 March 2013
<b>The decision</b>	The Cabinet Members agree that: (i) Funding proposals in Appendix 2 be approved; (ii) The Divisional Director for Planning and Transport Development be given delegated powers to reallocate funds, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Transport, from approved projects that become unviable owing to the level of funding allocated or to a change in circumstances of the applicant group, should such situations arise during the year.
<b>Rationale for decision</b>	The awards will ensure the continuation of existing community transport services and will help the Council meet its objectives.
<b>Financial and budget implications</b>	<p>The Service Level Agreements for Keynsham Dial-a-Ride and Midsomer Norton &amp; Radstock Dial-a-Ride allow for an inflation-related adjustment, based on transport industry costs, to enable the schemes to maintain their level of service. The adjustment from 1 April 2013 will be +2.6%, so the funding for the schemes in 2013/4 will be £74,256 and £100,647 respectively.</p> <p>The Service Level Agreement for Bath Dial-a-Ride allows for a 1% increase in funding for 2013/4 to £18,180.</p> <p>Eight other community transport providers applied for funding of £94,300 in total for 2013/4. Awards totalling £87,684 are being made.</p> <p>Total spending on community transport support in 2013/14 will be £280,767. Provision has been made for this amount in the budget.</p> <p>All schemes have made endeavours to contain their costs and operate more efficiently. The average subsidy per single passenger journey across all the community transport providers has gone down from £3.49 in 2011/2 to £3.30 in the first half of 2012/3.</p> <p>In March 2012, the government provided a special grant to assist the development of community transport services. The allocation to Bath &amp; North East Somerset Council was £42,540. Community transport</p>

	<p>providers submitted proposals for a share of this funding and the Cabinet Member for Transport decided on the awards, which are detailed in Appendix 2. A residual amount of £14,040 was set aside pending development of a proposal by one of the schemes.</p> <p>In addition to support for community transport services, the Council provides funding for safeguarding checks for paid staff and training for trustees in their roles and responsibilities</p>
<b>Issues considered</b>	Social Inclusion; Customer Focus; Sustainability; Young People;
<b>Consultation undertaken</b>	Section 151 Finance Officer; Monitoring Officer
<b>How consultation was carried out</b>	Consultation was been carried out electronically.
<b>Other options considered</b>	None

<b>Signatures of Decision Makers</b>	
<b>Date of Signature</b>	
<b>Subject to Call-in until 5 Working days have elapsed following publication of the decision</b>	