

APPENDIX 2 FUNDING APPLICATIONS FOR COMMUNITY TRANSPORT 2017-18

Group	Grant paid for 2016-17 (£)	Single passenger journeys (April to Sept 2016)	Average subsidy per passenger journey (April to Sept 2016) (£)	Grant applied for 2017-18 (£)	Grant award recommended for 2017-18 (£)	Comments
Age UK Bath & North East Somerset	7,840	918	4.27	8,000	8,000	Age UK's transport scheme enables older, frail and disabled people to access a number of activities, including lunch clubs, shopping trips and days out. It reviews its transport routes on a quarterly basis and is developing a monthly programme of trips to meet requests from service users. It is recommended that the grant applied for be paid.
Bath Community Transport	51,754	18,160	1.42	51,997	51,997	Bath Community Transport operates 8 fully-accessible minibuses to provide affordable transport for the elderly, the disadvantaged and those with impaired mobility. 101 user groups, comprising welfare organisations, local authority groups and sheltered housing schemes, augment their group transport needs with BCT's minibuses. The group relies heavily on volunteers

						and operates very efficiently. It is recommended that the grant applied for be paid.
Batheaston Neighbourhood Group	511	305	0.84	544	544	Batheaston Neighbourhood Group provides transport for elderly and disabled residents of Batheaston to the local medical centre, RUH, St Martin's Hospital, the Bristol hospitals and to dental surgeries. It also takes clients shopping, delivers prescriptions for housebound people and provides transport to a monthly lunch club. It is recommended that the grant applied for be made.
Chew Valley Community Transport	4,500	301	7.48	4,000	3,800	Chew Valley Community Transport is run entirely by volunteers and provides transport by private car to medical appointments at surgeries, hospitals and clinics. The group is planning to buy a small minibus (or large MPV) to take groups of local residents to shops, coffee mornings, lunch clubs etc. A similar service was trialed previously but the vehicle used was not suitable for the purpose. The rural nature of the area and the low density of population give rise to comparatively high operating costs.

						<p>The number of journeys provided by the scheme has fallen by more than 30% since 2012 so it is reasonable to assume that costs have fallen somewhat.</p> <p>It is recommended that the grant be capped at £3,800, which would keep the average cost per passenger journey at the same level as in 2015-16.</p>
Midsomer Norton & Radstock Community Service Vehicle Trust	1,300	888	0.73	1,300	1,300	<p>The group operates a minibus with a passenger lift to convey elderly and disabled persons to and from therapy centres, clubs, churches and community events. It also provides transport for community and youth organisations in Midsomer Norton, Radstock, Westfield, Paulton, Peasedown St John and Timsbury.</p> <p>It is recommended that the grant applied for be made.</p>
St Philip & St James Church Community Minibus	4,977	1,840	1.35	4,937	4,937	<p>The group has 44 volunteer drivers and provides transport for 55 groups of elderly, disabled, single parents, teenagers and vulnerable persons. It enables young people to take part in outdoor pursuits, provides opportunities for older people to meet and enables persons with disabilities to benefit from outings. Also, the group works with Julian House to support and encourage</p>

						<p>the travellers' community.</p> <p>A new minibus has been obtained with funding from the Department for Transport's Community Transport Minibus Fund.</p> <p>It is recommended that the grant applied for be made.</p>
SWAN Advice Network Volunteer Transport Scheme	15,876	1,569	5.06	25,097	16,243	<p>SWAN provides an accessible service, with 24 volunteer drivers, to clients of social services and those on low incomes (558 in total) who are unable to access mainstream public transport. The group provides transport to take clients shopping, to visit family or friends, to attend activities or attend classes and to attend hospital or health appointments. It works closely with other community transport providers to find the best solution to meet individual transport needs.</p> <p>The number of passenger journeys has been growing since 2015.</p> <p>It is recommended that the grant be capped at the 2016-17 level, adjusted for inflation.</p>

Wellow Community Bus Group	4,945	2,503	0.99	4,975	4,975	<p>Wellow Community Bus Group uses a minibus to operate four runs per day between Wellow and Bath for its members.</p> <p>A new minibus was launched in January 2017. This had been funded by the Department for Transport's Community Transport Minibus Fund.</p> <p>The group is keen to make its vehicle available to wider range of users, especially those without cars, and to reduce peak time car use.</p> <p>It is recommended that the grant applied for be paid.</p>
TOTALS	91,703	26,484	1.73	100,850	91,796	