

Single Member Cabinet Decision

**Executive
Forward Plan
Reference**

E2256

Voluntary Sector Funding Applications for Community Transport 2011/12

Decision maker	Cllr Francine Haeberling, Leader of the Council
The Issue	Funding applications have been received from voluntary sector bodies for the provision of community transport services in 2011/12.
Decision Date	28 March 2011
The decision	<p>The Leader agrees that</p> <p>(i) Funding proposals in Appendix 2 to the Report be approved.</p> <p>(ii) Officers be given delegated powers to reallocate funds, in consultation with the Leader, 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.</p>
Rationale for decision	The awards will ensure the continuation of existing community transport services.
Financial and budget implications	<p>(i) The Service Level Agreements for the three dial-a-ride schemes end on 31 March 2011 but the schemes have all expressed their willingness to extend the SLAs for another year to 31 March 2012 and maintain their current level of provision. An inflation-related adjustment of +2% to the grant for Keynsham Dial-a-Ride and Midsomer Norton & Radstock Dial-a-Ride is proposed. Total funding for the three schemes in 2011/12 will amount to £186,412.</p> <p>(ii) Eight other community transport providers applied for funding of £93,415 in total for 2011/12. The applications have been evaluated against the normal criteria and awards totalling £81,111 are being made.</p> <p>(iii) Total spending on community transport support in 2011/12 will be £267,523. Budget provision has been made for this amount.</p>
Issues considered	Social Inclusion; Customer Focus; Sustainability; Young People; Equality (age, disability).
Consultation undertaken	Section 151 Finance Officer; Chief Executive; Monitoring Officer
How consultation was carried out	Electronically.
Other options considered	None.

Signatures of Decision Makers	
Date of Signature	
This decision has been taken under Rule 15 of the Council's Urgency provisions and it is implementable immediately.	