



Applications for Grant Funding: Community Transport

Committee Operations

Date of meeting 23 August 2019

Date of report 06 August 2019

Report by Assistant Chief Executive

1. Object of report

To recommend the Operations Committee approves grant funding in support of projects provided by Community Transport (CT) operators across Strathclyde.

2. Background

Community Transport operators deliver much needed transport to local communities and voluntary groups, particularly the elderly, disabled and those on low income. These services are designed to promote and support the delivery of high quality, reliable and accessible transport to communities across the SPT area. The operators covered by this report include South Ayrshire Community Transport (SACT), and East Kilbride Community Transport. This report follows a number of earlier applications previously approved by the Committee on 26 April 2019.

3. Outline of proposals

Applications for funding have been made by community transport operators for the workstreams detailed below. A summary of the funding applications is provided in Appendix 1.

3.1 South Ayrshire Community Transport

A funding application for £45,000 has been received from SACT. SACT provides accessible, affordable transport for socially or economically disadvantaged groups, voluntary groups and third sector organisations in South Ayrshire. This application is to support an extension of days of operation of Community Bus Service CB8, and a new Demand Responsive Transport service in the Carrick area of South Ayrshire, replacing previous provision of MyBus Rural service 700. Members are asked to note that due to aggregation this plus previous grant awards, that Chair's Committee approval was sought, and provided, in order to let this project proceed expeditiously. Total amount awarded following consideration by the Chair's Committee: £45,000.

3.2 East Kilbride Community Transport

A funding application for £15,000 has been received from East Kilbride Community Transport, in order to support the organisation's provision of safe, accessible

community transport services for groups and individuals, in East Kilbride and in other parts of South Lanarkshire. The funding will assist with the vehicle running costs, staff wages and volunteer expenses in order to cover the services the organisation provides. Total amount awarded under delegated powers: £15,000.

4. Conclusions

Community Transport provides a key role in improving access to goods, services and facilities for communities in the west of Scotland, in particular for elderly, disadvantaged and vulnerable groups. In addition to supporting their core groups transport activities, and in support of SPT's aims and objectives, CT providers also provide specific community services filling gaps in mainstream transport network provision.

5. Committee action

The Operations Committee is asked to note Chair's Committee approval of the following items for the current financial year of 2019/20:

- Grant funding of up to £45,000 to South Ayrshire Community Transport

In addition, the Operations Committee is asked to note the following awards under delegated powers:

- Grant funding of £15,000 to East Kilbride Community Transport.

6. Consequences

Policy consequences	<i>In line with Regional Transport Strategy.</i>
Legal consequences	<i>Any funding approved will be awarded subject to SPT's Grant Funding terms and conditions.</i>
Financial consequences	<i>The funding requirements have been considered within the 2019/20 Enhanced DRT/Community Transport budget for these applications..</i>
Personnel consequences	<i>None</i>
Equalities consequences	<i>Seeks to reduce the incidences of social exclusion by supporting community transport projects which complement the activities of SPT and other transport providers.</i>
Risk consequences	<i>None</i>

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