



Applications for grant funding: Community Transport

Committee Operations

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Report by Senior Director

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 the 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 Community Transport Glasgow (CTG), North Area Transport Association (NATA), South West Community Transport (SWCT), Community Central Halls (CCH), South Ayrshire Community Transport (SACT) and Coalfields Community Transport (CCT).

The above operators are members of the west of Scotland Community Transport Network, which is a partnership between SPT and the community transport sector in the west of Scotland, established in March 2013, to develop and support the sector through enhanced co-ordination, and more effective use of resources. Map of CT operating areas impacted by this report included in Appendix 1 for reference.

As highlighted in the recent update to the Committee on Community Transport¹, the development of experienced CT operators is likely to become increasingly important due to pending legislative change governing operation of bus services in Scotland. In this context, the Community Transport Association has endorsed SPT's approach to CT and plans for closer partnership working with the sector.

3. Outline of proposals

Applications for funding have been made by community transport operators for the work streams detailed below. A summary of the funding applications is provided in Appendix 2.

3.1 Community Transport Glasgow

Funding applications have been received from CTG in respect of support for their core transport activities, and specific services including the CB2 registered local

¹ http://www.spt.co.uk/documents/latest/op260118_agenda6.pdf

bus service, special needs club transport and children's playscheme transport. Club and playscheme transport delivered by CTG, are arranged by SPT on behalf of Glasgow City Council (GCC).

In respect of CTG's core transport activity, funding of £115,000 is sought towards their 2018/19 running costs (including driver costs, training costs, vehicle insurance, vehicle maintenance and fuel) to allow them to continue providing their services at an affordable cost. Such activities include providing training to volunteers, voluntary groups and staff in relation to driving, a number of transport solutions; including group transport to third sector organisations, Healthy Journeys Volunteer Car Scheme and transport for older adults to access exercise classes following a fall, as part of falls prevention.

In respect of the CB2 local bus service, funding of up to £53,114 is sought towards the 2018/19 running costs. The CB2 community bus service operates in Drumchapel between Antonine Road, Drumchapel Shopping Centre and Peel Glen Rd – filling a gap in the local bus network and providing a key interchange link to mainstream bus services.

In addition to the above, full funding for Club and playscheme transport is provided from Glasgow City Council to SPT. From this allocation, funding is sought by CTG for up to £205,000 for club transport, providing transport to over 20 clubs in Glasgow including those with special needs, the elderly and other vulnerable groups. A further amount of up to £12,000 is sought by CTG from this allocation for playscheme transport, providing transport for children attending activity clubs across Glasgow during the key school holiday periods.

Total amount sought: up to £385,114.

3.2 North Area Transport Association

Funding applications have been received from NATA in respect of support for their core transport activities, and specific services including the CB1 and CB4 registered local bus services, special needs club transport and children's playscheme transport. Club and playscheme transport delivered by NATA, are arranged by SPT on behalf of Glasgow City Council.

In respect of NATA's core transport activity, funding of £20,000 is sought towards their 2018/19 running costs (including driver costs, training costs, vehicle insurance, vehicle maintenance and fuel) to allow them to continue providing their services at an affordable cost. Such activities include providing training to volunteers, voluntary groups and staff in relation to driving, a number of transport solutions; including group transport to third sector organisations.

In respect of the CB1 and CB4 local bus services, funding of up to £59,443 is sought towards the 2018/19 running costs of these services. The CB1 community bus service operates from Glasgow city centre to Townhead and Drygate. The CB4 service operates between Glasgow city centre and Sighthill. Both services fill gaps in the local bus network and provide key interchange links to mainstream bus services.

In addition to the above, full funding for Club and playscheme transport is provided from Glasgow City Council to SPT. From this allocation funding is sought for up to £45,000 for club transport, providing transport to over 20 clubs in Glasgow including those with special needs, the elderly and other vulnerable groups. A further amount of up to £5,000 is sought by NATA from this allocation

for playscheme transport, providing transport for children attending activity clubs across Glasgow, during the key school holiday periods.

Total amount sought: up to £129,443.

3.3 Coalfields Community Transport

Funding applications have been received from CCT in respect of support for their core transport activities, and specific services including the Cumnock Connector Demand Responsive Transport (DRT) service.

In respect of CCT's core transport activity, funding of £50,000 is sought towards their 2018/19 running costs (including driver costs, training costs, vehicle insurance, vehicle maintenance and fuel) to allow them to continue providing their services at an affordable cost. CCT provides accessible, affordable transport for socially or economically disadvantaged groups, voluntary groups and third sector organisations in East Ayrshire.

In respect of the Cumnock Connector DRT service, funding of £19,476 is sought to allow the continuation of this service for the year 2018/19.

Total amount sought: up to £69,476.

3.4 South Ayrshire Community Transport

SACT provides accessible, affordable transport for socially or economically disadvantaged groups, voluntary groups and third sector organisations in South Ayrshire. In addition, a pilot project, bus service CB8, has been operated by SACT since August 2017. This service connects the rural community of Barr with Girvan, providing a key link for shopping, healthcare and other amenities offered in Girvan, and interchange with mainstream public transport services.

A funding application has been received from SACT for £8,000 in order to allow the continuation of this service. This funding application will allow this service to continue for a further year until August 2019.

Total amount awarded under delegated powers: £8,000.

3.5 South West Community Transport

Full funding for Club and playscheme transport is provided from Glasgow City Council to SPT. From this allocation up to £6,000 is requested by SWCT, based in Glasgow, for the delivery of playscheme transport, providing transport for children attending activity clubs across Glasgow, during key school holiday periods. Budget for playscheme transport is provided by GCC.

Total amount awarded under delegated powers: up to £6,000.

3.6 Community Central Halls

Full funding for Club and playscheme transport is provided from Glasgow City Council to SPT. From this allocation up to £5,000 is requested by CCH for the delivery of playscheme transport, providing transport for children attending activity clubs across Glasgow, during key school holiday periods. Budget for playscheme transport is provided by GCC.

Total amount awarded under delegated powers: up to £5,000.

Members should be aware that further grant funding applications for community transport projects are expected during 2018/19 and will be reported to the Committee in due course.

4. Conclusions

Community Transport provides a key role in improving access to goods, services and facilities for communities in the west of Scotland and in particular for elderly, disadvantaged and vulnerable groups. In addition to their core group transport activities, and in furtherance 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 recommended to approve the following items for the current financial year of 2018/19:

- Grant funding of up to £385,114 to Community Transport Glasgow;
- Grant funding of up to £129,443 North Area Transport Association; and
- Grant funding of up to £69,476 to Coalfields Community Transport.

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

- Grant funding of up to £8,000 to South Ayrshire Community Transport;
- Grant funding of up to £6,000 to South West Community Transport; and
- Grant funding of up to £5,000 to Community Central Halls.

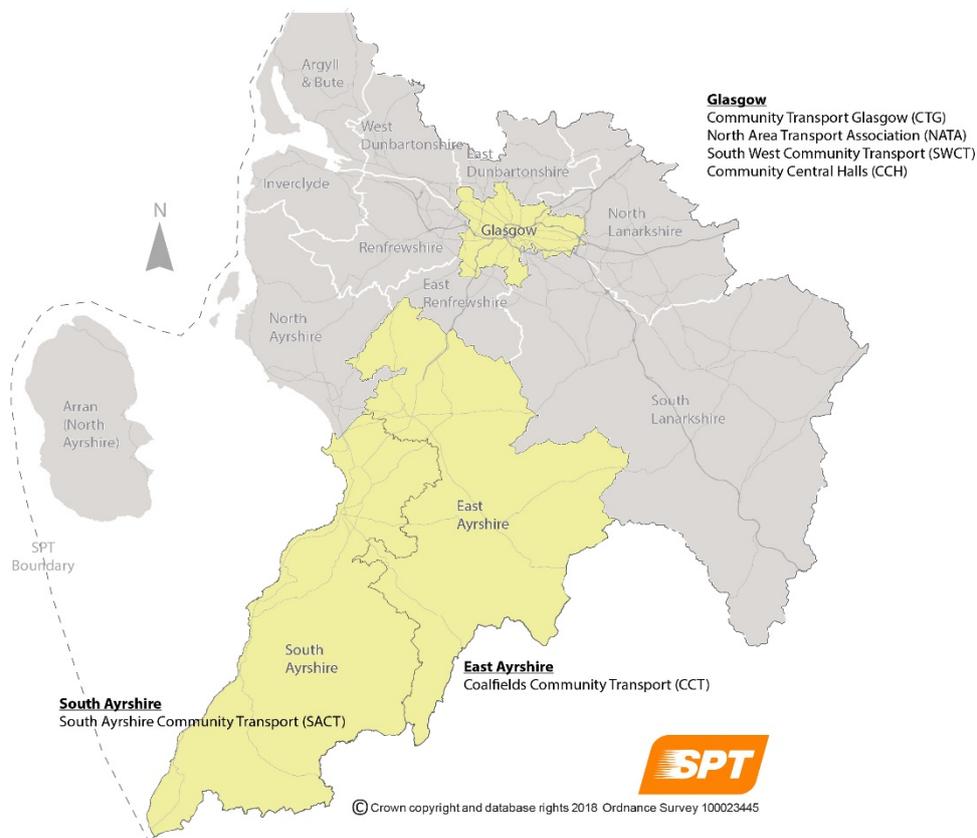
6. Consequences

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 2018/19 Enhanced DRT/Community Transport budget for these applications. Additionally, identified Glasgow Club and playscheme transport of £278k is recharged in full to Glasgow City Council.</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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Appendix 1



Appendix 2 – Community Transport funding applications summary table

Organisation	Workstream	SPT Enhanced DRT Funding	GCC Club & Playscheme Funding	Total Funding Sought (SPT + GCC)
CTG	Core Funding	£115,000.00		
CTG	CB2 Service	£53,114.36		
CTG	Glasgow Club Runs		£205,000.00	
CTG	Playscheme Transport		£12,000.00	
Totals - CTG		£168,114.36	£217,000.00	£385,114.36
NATA	Core Funding	£20,000		
NATA	CB1 & CB4 services	£59,443		
NATA	Glasgow Club Runs		£45,000	
NATA	Playscheme Transport		£5,000	
Totals - NATA		£79,443	£50,000	£129,443
CCT	Core Funding	£50,000		
CCT	Cumnock Connector DRT	£19,476		
Totals - CCT		£69,476		£69,476
SACT	CB8 Service	£8,000		
Totals - SACT		£8,000		
SWCT	Playscheme Transport		£6,000	
Totals - SWCT			£6,000	
CCH	Playscheme Transport		£5,000	
Totals - CCH			£5,000.00	
Grand Totals		£325,033.64 (SPT)	£278,000.00 (GCC)	£603,033.64 (Combined)