



Enhanced DRT funding application: Community Transport Glasgow

Date of meeting 23 June 2017

Date of report 30 May 2017

Report by Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

1. Object of report

To recommend the Partnership approves the grant funding of community transport projects provided by Community Transport Glasgow (CTG).

This report affects the Glasgow City Council area.

2. Background

CTG was established in 2005 and is a Charity and Company Limited by Guarantee. It was set up as an umbrella organisation to support and develop the Community Transport Sector in Glasgow. It became a Community Transport Operator after merging with the Operators in the East and West of Glasgow and now delivers a range of transport services as well as continuing to support some of the other Operators in the city.

CTG's core services deliver much needed transport to the local communities and voluntary groups it services, particularly the elderly, disabled and those on low incomes. These services are designed to promote and support the delivery of high quality, reliable and accessible transport to communities in Glasgow.

They are a fully accredited member 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 co-ordination, enhanced governance and more effective use of resources.

SPT manages the grant funding of community transport projects on behalf of its constituent authorities. This funding is designed to support such projects throughout the SPT area.

3. Outline of proposals

CTG has submitted a one-year funding application to support its core transport running costs that allows them to provide their core activities at an affordable cost to the local communities and community organisations in Glasgow. It represents a 15% funding contribution to the overall running costs of the organisation.

As well as providing its core transport services to its members, CTG continues to deliver a range of services including training and vehicle maintenance as well as cost effective transport solutions for the statutory sector. These include Glasgow City Council's

voluntary club, Playscheme transport and a registered timetabled community bus service in Drumchapel.

CTG acts as a catalyst to assist SPT in building the capacity of the sector to allow it to become more involved in public transport. It provides a good model of practice for the development of community transport throughout the West of Scotland through its social enterprising ethos and willingness to work in partnership to develop and deliver innovative transport solutions.

The funding sought in this instance is £105,000.

This funding would be met from the Enhanced DRT/Community Transport budget for financial year 2017/18. Payments will be made by monthly instalments.

4. Partnership action

The Partnership is recommended to agree to the award of grant funding of £105,000 to Community Transport Glasgow for the current financial year 2017/18.

5. Consequences

- Policy consequences: In line with Regional Transport Strategy.
- Legal consequences: Any funding approved will be awarded subject to SPT's Grant Funding terms and conditions.
- Financial consequences: The funding available within the 2017/18 Enhanced DRT/Community Transport budget for this application.
- Personnel consequences: None.
- Equalities consequences: Seeks to reduce the incidence of social exclusion by supporting community transport projects which complement the activities of SPT and other transport providers.
- Risk consequences: None.

Eric Stewart
Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

Gordon MacLennan
Chief Executive

for further information, please contact Alex Scott, Bus Services Manager, ext 3388