

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Officer Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment - Stuart Jarvis
Title:	Passenger Transport Grants

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the end of year financial actions in Appendix 1 for each of the passenger transport grant streams be noted.
- 1.2. That the Passenger Transport Grant Stream budget allocations for 2017/18 proposed in 8.1 of this report be agreed.

2. Reason for the decision:

- 2.1. The County Council has a corporate approach to grants and this annual report meets one of the requirements of this process. The report also sets out the arrangements for the grants streams for which the department will be responsible during 2017/18.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Not operating grant streams during 2017/18 could result in some community organisations not having sufficient funds to undertake all of their planned activities, and on this basis this option has been rejected.

4. Conflicts of interest:

- 4.1. Conflict of interest declared by an Executive Member who is consulted by the officer which relates to the decision: None

5. Dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service:

- 5.1 None.

6. Supporting information:

- 6.1. The County Council has a corporate approach to grants, with applications being made through the corporate grants web portal. Departments are responsible for the governance and management arrangements for their individual grant streams.

6.2. Grants of more than £5,000 are approved by the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment, whilst grants under this value are approved under the department's Scheme of Delegation.

7. Grant Streams 2016/17

7.1 The following grant streams operated during 2016/17:

- a) Community Transport - Other Purposes
- b) Community Transport - Voluntary Car Schemes
- c) Passenger Transport - Bus Service Operators Grant

7.2 The end of year financial position and actions for each of these grant streams for 2016/17 is set out in Appendix 1. Decisions about individual grant awards have already been made and a list of grants made against each grant stream is shown in Appendix 2. The basis on which grants have been approved, either by the Executive Member, or under the department's Scheme of Delegation, is also identified.

8 Grant Streams and Allocations for 2017/18

8.1 Grant streams and their respective allocations need to be agreed for 2017/18. The following grant streams and budget allocations are proposed for 2017/18:

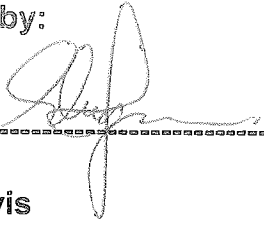
Grant Stream	Proposed Budget Allocation	Funding Source
Community Transport – Other Purposes	£30,000	Community Transport Budget and New Innovations Fund
Community Transport – Voluntary Car Schemes	£3,000	Bus Subsidy Budget

9. Conclusion

9.1 This paper reports on the grants which have been made across a number of passenger transport grant streams during 2016/17 and the end of financial year actions taken. Grant streams and budget allocations are also proposed for 2017/18. The recommendations have been supported by the Highways and Transport Service Stream Board.

Approved by:

Date: 12/6/17.



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Stuart Jarvis
Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

Appendix 1 – Passenger Transport Grant Streams 2016/17 – Current Position and Proposed Actions

Grant Stream	Purpose	Budget Allocation	Grants Awarded	Number of Grant Awards	End of Year Actions
Community Transport – Other Purposes	For voluntary and community organisations who provide a transport service to the wider community	£30,000 (From the Community Transport Budget and New Innovations Fund)	£26,500	4	The under spend at the end of the financial year was returned to the Community Transport Budget. The budget allocation to remain the same for 2017/18.
Community Transport – Voluntary Car Schemes	For Voluntary Car Schemes or Good Neighbours Groups who incur a shortfall providing a voluntary car transport service to the community and which comply with the Good Practice Guidelines for Voluntary Car Schemes.	£3,000 (From the Bus Subsidy Budget)	£0	0	The under spend at the end of the financial year was returned to the Bus Subsidy Budget. The budget allocation to remain the same for 2017/18.
Passenger Transport - Bus Service Operators Grant	Available to operators of local bus services and those which operate a bus service under a section 22 permit, operating in Hampshire.	£950,000 (From Department for Transport – formerly Fuel Duty Rebate)	£912,731	3	Phased payments to recipients under this grant stream means that some payments will be made in 2017/18, therefore funding from 2016/17 was carried forward to 2017/18 to allow for this.

Appendix 2 – Passenger Transport Grant Streams 2016/17 – Grants Awarded

Grant Stream	Grant Applicant	Amount	Purpose	Approval Process
Community Transport- Other Purposes	YelaBus	£6,500	To provide a contribution towards staffing and administration costs involved in organising and operating the Yelabus service in Yateley.	ETE Executive Member Decision Day on 30.06.2016
Community Transport- Other Purposes	Three Rivers Community Rail Partnership	£7,000	To assist with the day to day running of the Partnership. This will involve working with interested parties, submitting funding bids, producing and delivering the CRP Business Plan and publicising rail travel opportunities along the Three Rivers Community Rail Partnership route. Regular station surveys will also be undertaken to measure the success of initiatives and to help determine the future needs and aspirations of users and groups.	ETE Executive Member Decision Day on 30.06.2016
Community Transport – Other Purposes	Lymington-Brockenhurst Community Rail Partnership	£10,000	To assist with the day to day running of the Partnership. This will involve working with interested parties, submitting funding bids, producing and delivering the CRP Business Plan and publicising rail travel opportunities along the Lymington-Brockenhurst Community Rail Partnership route. Regular station surveys will also be undertaken to measure the success of initiatives and to help determine the future needs and aspirations of users and groups.	ETE Executive Member Decision Day on 30.06.2016
Community Transport – Other Purposes	East Hampshire Community Rail Partnership	£3,000	To assist with the day to day running of the Partnership. This will involve working with interested parties, submitting funding bids, producing and delivering the CRP Business Plan and publicising rail travel opportunities along the East Hampshire Community rail partnership route. Regular station surveys will also be undertaken to measure the success of initiatives and to help determine the future needs and aspirations of users and groups.	ETE Executive Member Decision Day (all of the Community Rail Partnership grant applications were considered at the same time in the same decision day report of 30.06.2016)

Passenger Transport – Bus Service Operators Grant	Go South Coast Ltd	£317,191	To install contactless payment capabilities including contactless ticket purchasing; contactless Solent Go product purchasing; contactless aggregated pay as you go; tap in and tap out; apple and android payments. These capabilities will be in place by October 2017 across a fleet of 199 vehicles operating primarily in the west of the county. Go South Coast are providing 50% match funding.	ETE Director sign off. The arrangements for the Bus Service Operators Grants were agreed by the Executive Member for Environment and Transport at the decision day on 03.11.2016
Passenger Transport – Bus Service Operators Grant	First Hampshire & Dorset	£270,540	To install contactless payment capabilities across a fleet of 300 vehicles in the south of the county. This technology will be in place ten months after funding has been received. First Hampshire and Dorset are providing 35% match funding.	ETE Director sign off. The arrangements for the Bus Service Operators Grants were agreed by the Executive Member for Environment and Transport at the decision day on 03.11.2016
Passenger Transport – Bus Service Operators Grant	Stagecoach South Ltd	£325,000	To install contactless payment capabilities across a fleet of 395 vehicles across the county. This technology will be in place by June 2017. Stagecoach are providing 43% match funding.	ETE Director sign off. The arrangements for the Bus Service Operators Grants were agreed by the Executive Member for Environment and Transport at the decision day on 03.11.2016