



Amendment to community transport grant award: Larkhall & District Volunteer Group

Committee Operations

Date of meeting 26 August 2022

Date of report 9 August 2022

Report by Chief Executive

1. Object of report

To recommend the Committee approve an amendment to the grant award to Larkhall & District Volunteer Group to support MyBus services.

2. Background

Community Transport operators deliver much needed transport to the local communities and voluntary groups, particularly the elderly, people with a disability 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.

On 18 March 2022 the Partnership noted that £48,000 had been awarded to Larkhall District Volunteer Group (LDVG) under delegated powers¹. LDVG's Community Transport service provides services to various community groups, an access to education service for the children of the travelling community, a volunteer car scheme pilot project and an assisted shopping transport service for a particular deprived area of Larkhall.

Since November 2021 LDVG and a number of other Community Transport operators have also been assisting SPT in the delivery of group transport previously handled by MyBus DRT service.

3. Outline of proposals

In addition to their own activities, LDVG has been supporting MyBus by providing for groups to attend activities at the Coltness Community Centre. An additional £5,200 is sought to continue to support this service which provides much needed transport to the local community groups as well as relieving pressure on the MyBus service. This brings the total funding to LDVG to £53,200 for 2022/2023.

4. Committee action

The Committee is asked to approve an amendment to the grant award to Larkhall & District Volunteer Group to support MyBus Services.

¹ https://www.spt.co.uk/media/0t4ajhok/p180322_agenda14.pdf

5. Consequences

Policy consequences	<i>Supports RTS outcome of Access for All.</i>
Legal consequences	<i>Any funding approved will be awarded subject to SPT's Grant Funding terms and conditions.</i>
Financial consequences	<i>The additional funding recommended can be contained within the 2022/23 Community Transport budget</i>
Personnel consequences	<i>None directly.</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 directly.</i>
Climate Change, Adaptation & Carbon Consequences	<i>Seeks to provide a sustainable transport option for communities by supporting socially necessary bus services.</i>

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