

**HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL****Executive Decision Record**

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member – Environment and Transport
<b>Date:</b>	8 November 2011
<b>Title:</b>	Government Funding for Community Transport
<b>Reference:</b>	3403
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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**1. The decision:**

- a) That the additional one-off government funding for community transport be used during 2011/12 and 2012/13 to implement the following initiatives which are detailed in Sections 4-8 of the decision report:
- (i) set up additional voluntary car schemes in partnership with the Good Neighbour Support Service;
  - (ii) co-ordinate volunteer driver recruitment in partnership with the voluntary sector;
  - (iii) provide specific training initiatives including a programme of community transport training courses, a minibus event and the development of a Minibus Operator's Manual for community transport operators;
  - (iv) provide a Transport Challenge Fund to help local communities develop and implement their own solutions to local transport needs;
  - (v) provide grants to the Community Transport Group Hire Minibus Schemes or village minibuses to help with the purchase of new or replacement minibuses;
  - (vi) provide designated support to one or more of the Community Transport Group Hire Minibus Schemes as part of a targeted initiative to increase the scope of work and the journey opportunities provided by these schemes;
  - (vii) to review and make improvements to the information currently held on the Passenger Transport Group's website; and

- (viii) to implement promotional and marketing initiatives which will help to better promote services for users, aid volunteer recruitment, and reinforce the profile of funding from stakeholders.

**2. Reason for the decision:**

2.1. Developing and supporting services provided by Community Transport operators in Hampshire contributes towards maximising well being. In particular these proposals will:

- (i) build capacity within the community transport sector;
- (ii) raise standards in the community transport sector;
- (iii) promote and support local transport initiatives;
- (iv) enable the community transport sector to play a greater role in providing passenger transport services; and
- (v) improve the promotion of Community Transport Services.

**3. Other options considered and rejected:**

3.1. Return the additional grant funding for community transport services to the government. The opportunity to build capacity within the community sector, raise standards and support the introduction of new local transport initiatives could be lost.

3.2. Use the funding to support initiatives which require ongoing revenue support. Ensuring the sustainability of any initiatives which are implemented is important if the most effective use of this funding is to be achieved and longer term benefits secured. Given the one-off nature of this funding any initiatives which would not be sustainable in the longer term without on-going revenue support from the council have not been considered as suitable options for this funding.

**4. Conflicts of interest:**

4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None.

4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: None.

**5. Dispensation granted by the Standards Committee: none.**

**6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.**

**7. Statement from the Decision Maker:**

**Approved by:**

**Date:**

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**Executive Member for Environment and Transport  
Councillor M J Kendal**

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