

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	Decision to award grants under the Rural Services Delivery Grant to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dore Community Transport • Bromyard Community Transport
Date of decision:	15 July 2020
Decision maker:	Head of Transport and Access
Authority for delegated decision:	<p>Authority for this delegated decision is provided in the cabinet member for infrastructure and transport non-key decision 13/2/20 which delegated authority to the head of transport to determine grant awards to a maximum of £30k in accordance with the approved scheme criteria, and having regard to the recommendation of the appraisal panel.</p> <p>Details of the cabinet member decision are available at: http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=6608</p> <p>The head of transport and access is authorised to approve individual revenue payments up to £100k as defined in the council's financial procedure rules.</p>
Ward:	Countywide
Consultation:	Cabinet member for infrastructure and transport.
Decision made:	<p>To confirm the award and amount of Rural Access Grant to the following organisations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dore Community Transport – purchase of a new wheelchair accessible vehicle - £24,385 • Bromyard Community Transport – purchase of new wheelchair accessible vehicle - £25,925 <p>Note that these awards are subject to satisfaction of technical conditions to be confirmed to applicants and will be subject to a formal Grant Offer letter.</p>
Reasons for decision:	<p>In accordance with the cabinet member decision to allocate budget to this grant programme applications are considered with regard to the agreed Grant Criteria which are set out at: http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/documents/s50075079/Appendix%201%20Grant%20criteria.pdf</p> <p>Applications have been evaluated by the Rural Services Delivery Grant Panel comprising officers from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passenger transport • Transport strategy • Local enterprise and resources • Facilitation provided by Delegated Grants and Programmes Team <p>The successful applications identified in this award will provide a range of benefits which fulfil the Grant Criteria requirements including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing access for isolated members of the local communities served by the community transport scheme • Improved quality of service for community transport users and add value to existing service provision

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental benefits through replacement of older vehicles with modern EU compliant vehicles • Supporting access to key services for members of the community with from specific equality groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 65+ ○ People with disabilities and suffering health inequality ○ Other vulnerable and disadvantaged groups – specifically people with no access to private transport or local bus services who are eligible to use these schemes • Applications will not require ongoing financial support
<p>Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:</p>	<p>Grant will be offered on the basis that technical conditions are met and the acceptance of the grant will be set out in a formal Grant Offer letter.</p> <p>Applicants will be required to provide monitoring information relating to agreed project delivery, project outputs and financial information. Monitoring and any corrective action will be undertaken by the Delegated Grants and Programmes team with support of the Transport Services Manager.</p> <p>The establishment of this grant programme included an Equality Impact Assessment and it is noted that these applications help support key areas identified in the EIA as set out in the reasons for decision section above. These applications present no negative impacts with respect to the EIA.</p> <p>The allocation of the sums identified in this decision can be afforded from the budget allocated to the Rural Services Delivery Grant which is £275k. The balance of that budget following this award is £225K noting that further applications are anticipated.</p>
<p>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:</p>	<p>Other applications have been evaluated and rejected as they did not meet the Grant Criteria and feedback has been provided to applicants so that they may consider revising their applications.</p>
<p>Details of any declarations of interest made:</p>	<p>None</p>

Signed..... Date: 15-7-20

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