

DECISION NOTICE

Notice is given that the following decision has been taken under the Provisions set out in the Council's Constitution

Decision maker:	Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure
Date:	6 February 2017
Decision in the matter of:	Allocation of Transport and Accessibility Grants
Decision:	<p>That approval be given to the allocation of a grant for the amount shown to the following community organisations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Recycle Cycles £9,999• Christian Concern £9,500

Background: In June 2016 Cheshire East Council was successful with a bid for funding of £350,000 from the Department of Transport's Sustainable Travel Transition Year Fund (STTY) which is now available for delivery up to March 2017 in the Crewe and Nantwich area. The Council's bid outlined the programme of delivery which included the allocation of Transport & Accessibility Grants, with £20,000 of it being allocated towards this funding element of the programme.

In October 2016 the Council launched a campaign to raise awareness that local organisations in the Crewe & Nantwich area could apply for Transport and Accessibility Grants of up to £9,999 and three organisations applied for funding and two of these have been successful.

To ensure expenditure is in line with the approved grant application and is compliant with funding conditions the Policy sets out a monitoring process, failure to comply with which could result in the Council recovering the grant paid. Successful applicants must sign a grant acceptance form and agree to the terms and conditions set out in the Policy.

The purpose of the grants is to support local people to develop community-led initiatives. It is recognised that local communities are often best placed to identify their own transport and accessibility needs and these grants will enable the successful organisations the capacity to develop local solutions.

Background Documents: The background papers relating to this report can be viewed by contacting the report writer.

Approved:

Signed
Councillor David Brown (Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure)

Date: 6 February 2017

Advising Officer:

Signed
Jenny Marston (Transport Policy and Strategy Manager)

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- Decision maker:** Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure
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- Decision in the matter of:** Allocation of Surplus Vehicles to Community and Voluntary Groups
- Decision:** That approval be given to the allocation of surplus vehicles to the following organisations:
- 1nclu5ive Sandbach
 - Mobility & Access Group (MAG)
 - Healthbox CIC
 - Cheshire Fire Authority (Princes Trust)
 - Wishing Well Project
 - Church of the Resurrection
 - Disability Information Bureau
 - Space4Autism

Background: The Council recognises the valuable role of the community and voluntary sector in providing access to essential services for residents. Local schemes and initiatives have wider social benefits through increasing independence and reducing isolation, particularly in rural communities.

Transport Service Solutions Limited has recently entered into a long term contract hire arrangement for the provision of a fleet of new minibuses and, as a result, the Council has 8 vehicles which are surplus to requirements. The Council has a policy for allocating surplus vehicles to the community and voluntary sector to help support community-led transport initiatives, tailored to the needs of local residents. The aim is to support local communities by providing means to improve access, particularly for disadvantaged groups, to services including health care, shopping and leisure facilities.

In summer 2016, the Council launched a competition and invited organisations to complete an application form to be allocated a surplus vehicle. In total, 16 applications were received and, following assessment against criteria, and 8 have gone on to be allocated a vehicle. The policy supports the delivery of outcomes in the Council's Corporate Plan such as creating cohesive communities, accessing

learning and skills and promoting healthy lifestyles, as well as delivering against the Council's Local Transport Plan objectives.

Each organisation offered a vehicle must sign an agreement to confirm they will become the owner and registered keeper of it in its current condition as of the date of transfer, and a monitoring process ensures that grants are used appropriately in line with the application and conditions of funding.

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