

# 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 Environment

**Date:** 13 January 2014

**Decision in the matter of:** Transport Grant Schemes - Application Assessment and Decisions on Award

**Decision:** 1. That approval be given to the recommendations listed below regarding the outcome of each small grant application (up to £9,999) through the Transport & Accessibility Grant Scheme. The total value of the applications recommended for award is £80,408.

Ref No	Organisation	Recommendation
TAG 1	Community Transport, Macclesfield District	Defer - £9,999
TAG 2	Mid Cheshire Community Rail Partnership	Award £2,439
TAG 3	North Staffs Community Rail Partnership	Award £1,624
TAG 6	Crewe Christian Concern	Award £9,999
TAG 7	Audlem & District Community Action	Award £6,000
TAG 8	Goodwill Village Hall Association / CHALC	Not Award
TAG 9	Congleton Disabled Access Group	Award £9,999
TAG 11	Wishing Well Project	Award £8,350
TAG 16	Mid Cheshire Community Rail Partnership	Award £3,000
TAG 17	Disability Information Bureau (Macclesfield)	Not Award
TAG 18	Congleton Partnership	Award £9,999
TAG 20	Great Places Housing Association	Not Award
TAG 21	Peaks and Plains Housing Trust	Award £9,999
TAG 23	Odd Rode Parish Council	Award £9,999
TAG 24	Open Hands, Poynton	Award £3,000
TAG 15	Disley Parish Council	Award £6,000

2. That approval be given to the recommendations listed below regarding the short listing of expressions of interest for a large grant (over £10,000) through the Transport & Accessibility Grant Scheme, and that the applicants be invited to proceed to submission. In addition that Cheshire Community Action be invited to accept instead the immediate award of a small grant (up to £9999) for which the information currently provided will suffice and no further submission of a Business Plan need be made. The total value of the applications recommended for short listing is £81,586.

<b>Ref No</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
TAG 25	Poynton Town Council	Shortlist £18,000*
TAG 26	Poynton Town Council	Shortlist £22,500*
TAG 13	Poynton Town Council	Shortlist £30,000*
TAG 19	Cheshire Community Action	Shortlist £11,086*
TAG 22	Community Transport, Halifax	Not Shortlist

*\* Note that the final award value depends on Business Plan submission so the figures above are indicative at this stage.*

3. That approval be given to the recommendations listed below regarding the allocation/offer of 9 surplus Council vehicles to community and voluntary organisations.

<b>Ref No</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
TAG 4	Rainow Parish Plan Implementation Group	Offer Vehicle
TAG 5	Crewe YMCA	Offer Vehicle
TAG 10	Congleton Disabled Access Group	Decline
TAG 12	Macclesfield Town Community Sports Trust	Offer Vehicle
TAG 15	Disley Parish Council	Offer Vehicle
TAG13	Poynton Town Council	Offer Vehicle
TAG 14	Calveley & Acton Primary Schools	Offer Vehicle
TAG 29	Congleton Partnership	Offer Vehicle
TAG 22	Community Transport, Halifax	Decline
TAG 28	Odd Rode Parish Council	Offer Vehicle
TAG 27	Central Cheshire Buddy Scheme	Offer Vehicle

4. That approval be given to the recommendations listed below regarding the outcome of each application for an LSTF Business Travel Planning Grant. The total value of the applications recommended for award is £38,810.

<b>Ref No</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
LSTF 1	Cheshire Bespoke Ltd	Award £4,999
LSTF 2	Christian Concern	Award £3,925
LSTF 3	Leighton Hospital	Award £4,999
LSTF 4	Manchester Metropolitan University (1)	Award £4,999
LSTF 5	Manchester Metropolitan University (2)	Award £4,999
LSTF 6	South Cheshire College	Award £4,999
LSTF 7	Storage Boost (Crewe) Ltd	Award £4,750
LSTF 8	Trax Commercial Ltd	Defer - £4,750
LSTF 9	The Up and Under Group Ltd	Award £4,096
LSTF 10	The Up and Under Foundation Ltd	Award £1,044

**Background:** The report makes recommendations on the allocation of funding and vehicles in line with associated policies, and seeks approval of expressions of interest for large grants. In all cases a detailed assessment of each application has been undertaken in line with the criteria for each scheme.

The Transport & Accessibility Grant Scheme and Vehicle Allocation Scheme will support community-led activities which improve access to essential services, such as healthcare, shopping, leisure and other destinations that are important to local residents. The applications which are recommended for award/shortlist best meet the criteria in improving access to services, particularly for disadvantaged groups, with a high level of community involvement and proposals to sustain the project into future.

In October 2013 Cabinet agreed the allocation of £250,000 for the Transport and Accessibility Grant Scheme from the approved 2013/14 base budget. The grant scheme operates two tiers of funding based on the value – small grants up to £9,999 and larger grants of over £10,000. The value of the expressions of interest for large grants recommended for short listing will be dependent on the submission of detailed Business Cases/Plans due to be submitted by 17 February 2014.

At the same time Cabinet also agreed to allocate 9 Council-owned vehicles which are surplus to requirements to community and voluntary organisations. The vehicles vary in age ranging from 9 to 4 years old and the policy makes clear that the vehicles are gifted in the condition as of the date of transfer. These donations will facilitate the development of community-led transport initiatives which are tailored to local needs. The Council received 11 applications and following the assessment it is proposed that all 9 vehicles are allocated.

Ten applications were made to the LSTF Business Travel Planning Grant Scheme and of these it is recommended that nine are awarded.

**Background Documents:** The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report author.

**Approved:**

Signed .....  
Councillor D Topping (Cabinet Member Environment)

**Date:** 13 January 2014

**Advising Officer:**

Signed .....  
Chris Williams (Transport Manager)