

## Operational Decision Record

Publication Date 10 August 2023	Decision Reference Number 5002
<b>Decision Title</b>  Support of Nottingham City Transport Service 1 school journeys from Clifton to East Leake using Bus Service Improvement Plan grant.	
<b>Decision Value</b>  £140,000 covering the period Sept 23 – Sept 25.	
<b>Revenue or Capital Spend?</b>  Revenue (External DfT Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) funding for bus network support).	
<b>Department</b>  Public Transport Growth and City Development	
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<b>Decision Taken</b>  To award funding to support the operation of school journeys on the Nottingham City Transport 1 bus service.	
<b>Reasons for Decision and Background Information</b>  Service 1 was not included in the original Bus Service Improvement Plan Exec Board report on the 18 October 2022 which delegated authority to the Corporate Director of Growth and City Development to grant fund a number of bus services as they continue to recover from the impact of pandemic and changes to travel demand patterns which continue to impact on the viability of commercial bus services.  Following confirmation of a long term funding settlement by the DfT outside of Bus Service Improvement Plan Funding, alongside increased use of some bus services, the number of services requiring support overall has contracted. But some new pressures have emerged. With the 1, which facilitates a number of school movements of children between Clifton and East Leake requiring an additional bus	

in order to provide the required capacity to move school children during the morning and evening peak periods.

### **Other Options Considered and why these were rejected**

Provision of a stand-alone service contracted by the city was considered but this would not be a legitimate use of BSIP network support funding which is designed to:

- Support existing local bus services to return to financial sustainability and maintain key social and economic connectivity.
- Support the creation of new bus services which have the potential to become fully commercial by September 2025.

### **Reasons why this decision is classified as operational**

Delegated authority had already been given to the Corporate Director of Growth and City Development to grant fund a number commercial bus services that require support from September 2025 which have already been approved by the PfH for transport, who will be briefed on the addition of this service which will be included with those already approved in a single grant agreement with Nottingham City Transport. Treating this decision as an operational one is a logical way to deliver the service required to ensure that required bus service provision is in place from September 2023 to ensure city children are able to travel school in East Leake.

### **Additional Information**

#### **Observations of Finance Business Partner:**

This decision seeks to award £140,000 funding to support the operation of school journeys, to cover the period Sept 23 to Sept 25. With £40,833 spend in 23/24 financial year, £70,000 in 24/25 and £29,167 in 25/26 financial year. This is supported as it will deliver the bus service provision to ensure city children are able to travel school in East Leake.

This amount will be taken from the already received BSIP grant, which will be recorded and monitored in line with current legislation, and to avoid any financial pressure to the MTFP.

This will be monitored by the service for any variance and reflected in the monthly forecast and budget for the service.

Paul Rogers  
Commercial Finance Business Partner (G&CD)

<b>Decision Maker (Name and Job Title)</b>
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Sajeeda Rose, Corporate Director, Growth and City Development
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<b>Scheme of Delegation Reference Number</b>
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<b>Date Decision Taken</b>
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