

Operational Decision Record

Publication Date 14 August 2024	Decision Reference Number 5160
Decision Title	
Local Authority Bus Subsidy (Revenue) Grant: Determination 2023/24: No 31/6909	
Decision Value	
£197,557	
Revenue or Capital Spend?	
Revenue	
Spend Control Approval	
Has the spend been approved by Spend Control Board? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> n/a Spend Control Board approval reference number:	
Department	
Public Transport, Growth and City Development	
Contact Officer (Name, job title, and contact details)	
James Howe	
Decision Taken	
To provide retrospective approval for the use of the Local Authority Bus Subsidy (Revenue) Grant for 2023/24	
Reasons for Decision and Background Information	
This grant is issued by the Department for Transport and has been provided annually for several years. Grant conditions stipulate that it should only be used for the purposes of supporting bus services or for the provision of infrastructure supporting such services in that authority's, or a neighbouring authority's, area. The grant was received later in 2023/24, in the autumn, and the approval process to accept it was not completed in error.	
Other Options Considered and why these were rejected	
The option of not using this grant is rejected because the grant provides valuable external funding support for the operation of local bus services.	
Reasons why this decision is classified as operational	
The decision is taken within agreed policies and under the value threshold for an Executive Member decision.	

Additional Information

No Spend Control Approval is required as this grant funding was received and committed before the introduction of the Spend Control process.

This funding positively supports existing sustainable transport policy and functions, such as our local tendered bus services and public transport infrastructure and forms part of the Council's objectives of providing a world-class, low carbon, sustainable transport system for Nottingham, to support the local economy, enable growth and help to meet the Council's CN28 objectives. The policies will eventually dovetail with the new East Midlands Combined County Authority policies. An Equalities Impact Assessment and Carbon Impact Assessment are not considered necessary as a consequence of the clear benefits that this funding helps to provide.

No Data Protection Impact Assessment has been undertaken since no personal data is involved.

Finance comments

The decision to retrospectively approve the Local Authority Bus subsidy of £197,557 received, and used in 23/24 as part of an ongoing scheme; supporting bus services, or for the provision of infrastructure supporting such services in that authority's, or a neighbouring authority's area.

The Local Authority Bus subsidy supports the Bus services, therefore reducing the potential cost to the general fund; for this year and future payments, which is why it is important to receive this funding. The subsidy aligns with the Better City for Citizens objective. Public Transport will be monitored by the service for any variance and reflected in the monthly forecast for the service.

Paul Rogers

Commercial Finance Business Partner G&CD 10/07/2024

No individual consultations with Ward Councillors are necessary as this funding is used to support the subsidised network across the city.

No Legal or Procurement comment has been sought as it is not considered necessary. The Head of Audit & Risk and the Chief Executive both sign a declaration each year to certify that the grant has been used in accordance with the conditions stipulated within the grant award letter.

Decision Maker (Name and Job Title)

Sajeeda Rose, Corporate Director for Growth & City Development

Scheme of Delegation Reference Number

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Date Decision Taken

8 August 2024