

## Operational Decision Record

Publication Date 03 September 2024	Decision Reference Number 5164
<b>Decision Title</b>	
Local Authority Bus Subsidy (Revenue) Grant: Determination 2024/25: No 31/7227	
<b>Decision Value</b>	
£197,557	
<b>Revenue or Capital Spend?</b>	
Revenue	
<b>Spend Control Approval</b>	
Has the spend been approved by Spend Control Board? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> n/a Spend Control Board approval reference number: SR ID 8109	
<b>Department</b>	
Public Transport	
<b>Contact Officer (Name, job title, and contact details)</b>	
James Howe	
<b>Decision Taken</b>	
To provide approval for the use of the grant	
<b>Reasons for Decision and Background Information</b>	
<p>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 letter was received on 16<sup>th</sup> July and payment is expected some date in July.</p>	
<b>Other Options Considered and why these were rejected</b>	
<p>The option of not using this grant is rejected because the grant provides valuable external funding support for the operation of local bus services.</p>	
<b>Reasons why this decision is classified as operational</b>	
<p>The use of this grant supports local bus service operations.</p>	

**Additional Information**

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 accept the Local Authority Bus subsidy of £197,557 in 24/25 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 18/07/2024

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**

21 August 2024