

URGENT DELEGATED DECISION

Date: 23 April 2020

Request to the Head of Paid Service to exercise delegated authority as per Responsibility of Functions in Part IV, page 28 of the Constitution.

"to determine any matter within the referred or delegated powers and duties of a committee / sub committee / board / working which is so urgent that a decision must be made before the next meeting of that committee / sub-committee / board / working group is due to be held."

Limits on delegation: -

- Before making a decision using this delegated power, The Head of Paid Service shall consult with and take cognisance of the views of the Chairman (or in his absence the VC) of the relevant Committee / Sub-Committee etc; and
- Any decision taken by the Head of Paid Service under this delegated power shall be reported to Members within five working days of the decision taken.

Usual Decision Maker: -

This decision would have been taken by Corporate Policy and Resources Committee but all Committee Meetings have been suspended due to the COVID-19 situation.

Call-in does not apply.

Background

The background to this decision is as detailed in the report titled Community Transport Programme and is published <u>here</u>

Reason for Urgency and Rationale for use of urgent Delegated Decision

In light of the current COVID 19 situation, an urgent decision is required in order to approve continued funding for CallConnect services in West Lindsey.

The rationale for the decision is contained with the report.

Since writing the report is should be noted that CallConnect are continuing to operate offering services for key workers, hospital and GP appointments. They also engaged in the active COVID-19 support to communities, transporting supplies.

Notes of Consultation Relevant to the Decision

All supportive of funding.

Opportunity to state the positive environmental impact supporting a community transport scheme has. Interested in receiving the data around this.

Decision

The recommendation from **Prosperous Communities Committee** to continue funding is accepted and the continued funding of CallConnect with a 2 year grant (£90,000 in total) is approved

Financial Detail and Implications - FIN/8/21/SL

In 2014/15 the Rural Transport Programme was established with a £300k budget from Council reserves. A full budget profile is detailed within the report showing actuals paid 17/18 to 18/19 and forecast spend for 19/20 against the £237.5k approved in 17/18.

Balance on earmarked reserve (Connectivity Fund) is £73,945.62

Forecast surplus from the Rural Transport Programme budget is £47,200

There is a total remaining balance of £121,145.62. The proposed grant award of £90,000 would leave £31,145.62 remaining in the programme budget.



lan Knowles Head of Paid Service

As the Chairman of the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee I have been fully consulted on this matter



Leader of the Council

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Chairman of the Prospe	erous Communities Committee

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Leader of the Opposition.

Date all Members were notified of the decision 29 April 2020