



DECISION OF COUNCILLOR ELFAN AP REES

THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING, HIGHWAYS,
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING.

WITH ADVICE FROM
THE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT AND SECTION 151
OFFICER

DECISION NO 15/16 DE 224

SUBJECT: Local Growth Fund Bid for 2016/17

Background:

The local growth fund contains a budget line for sustainable transport investment which forms part of the Strategic Economic plan for the area. The four West of England authorities are required to bid for money allocated to sustainable transport. This process is well underway as a list of schemes from each authority already been identified for the package. At this late stage approval is required to add two additional elements to the 2016/17 local growth fund bid. These items have been added at a late stage due to evolving discussions on Metrobus, and are detailed below:

- £100,000 for A1 (Bristol Airport Flyer) kerb upgrades to accommodate the service as a Metrobus service. This so the guided bus route can be used on the Ashton Vale to Temple Meads section of Metrobus.
- £27,500 for smartcards as part of the wider Metrobus smart ticketing package.

The figures represent North Somerset Council's agreed split of 40% and 6.1% respectively of the overall Metrobus scheme costs. The other West of England authorities will be making their bids based on the splits accordingly.

DECISION:

That the two items detailed are approved so they can be added to the Local Growth Fund bid for 2016/17.

Reasons:

This funding is required to progress the Metrobus project and will not impact on the other items already proposed for the Local Growth Fund bid.

Other Alternatives Considered:

None as there are no other funding sources available to progress these elements of the Metrobus project.

Risk Assessment:

None

Financial Implications:

All funding to progress the project is contained within the bid.

Signed..... The Executive Member for Strategic Planning, Highways, Economic Development and Housing

Dated.....

Confirmation of Advice Given

Signed.....Director of Development & Environment

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Signed.....Section 151 Officer

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