



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

DECISION NO 16/17 DE 1

SUBJECT: North Somerset Council's bid for DfT Bikeability Funding:
1 September 2016 through to 31 March 2017
and
1 April 2017 annually through to 31 March 2020

Background:

In December 2016 the Department for Transport announced that £50m would be spent over the next four years to support Bikeability cycle training in schools.

The grant is one of a series of measures that the department put in place to improve safety on British roads, and has links to the sport strategy - Sporting Future - from the Department for Culture, Media and Sport which emphasised the importance of ensuring that children are given the opportunity to get involved in cycling and be active from a young age.

Bikeability teaches young people the necessary skills to ride on today's roads while encouraging them to be healthy and active.

Between 1 April 2013 and 31 March 2016, 4,023 children from North Somerset Council schools have received Bikeability training. £139,497 of funding has been claimed and a contribution of £2,399 was made by NSC. The training is outsourced through a competitive bidding process.

Cycle training 1 April 2013 – 31 March 2016

	No of Schools where training took place			No Children Trained			Cost to NSC (Revenue Road Safety Budget)			DfT Funding Received (£)		
	13/14	14/15	15/16	13/14	14/15	15/16	13/14	14/15	15/16	13/14	14/15	15/16
Levels 1 / 2 Children in Yrs 5 and 6	39	36	45	1246	1080	1277	0	1,080	1,319			
Level 3 Children in Yrs 7 & 8	4	6	11	65	81	274	0	0	0	45,262	40,635	53,600

In February 2016, North Somerset Council was advised that funding from the DfT was available for 5 months using existing funding arrangements and funding was awarded as shown.

1 April 2016 – 31 August 2016

	No of Places	Funding per place	Total DfT Funding	Total NSC Match
Level 1 / 2	550	£35	£19,250	£550
Level 3	110	£35	£3,850	£0
TOTAL			£23,100	£550

As we were able to continue to use our current contractors, we have managed to get Level 3 training for £29 per child so we will closely monitor training to increase the numbers of children trained on either level, or offer the funding back to the DfT.

On 22 April 2016 a funding window for continued Bikeability training through to 31 March 2017 was announced with additional funding for elements known as “Bikeability Plus”. Applications have to be submitted to the DfT through Steer Davies Gleave by 18 May 2016.

The application is based on the published guidance that should applications exceed the funding available the following elements will be used to prioritise bids:

- councils with identified match-funding
- councils looking to deliver Level 1 training in a different school year to Level 2 training
- councils with a high ratio of Level 2 to Level 3 places.

North Somerset Council Sustainable Travel and Road Safety Team propose the following applications be submitted:

1 September 2016 – 31 March 2017

	No of Places	Funding available per place	Requested Funding from DfT per place	Total DfT Bid	Match Funding per place		Total Match Funding	
					NSC	Parents	NSC	Parents
Level 1 (Year 4)	0	£5	0	0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Level 2 (Years 5 & 6)	0	£40	0	0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Level 1 / 2 (Years 5 & 6)	800	£40	£35	£29,000	£1	£0	£800	£0
Level 3 (Years 7 & 8)	200	£40	£29	£5,800	£0	£0	£0	£0
Balanceability (Year 1)	350	£25	£10	£3,500	£0	£15	£0	£5,250
Bikeability Fix (Years 7 & 8)	30	£18	£18	£540	£0	£0	£0	£0
Total				£38,840			£800	£5,250

Additionally, we will offer Transitions Training for children moving from primary to secondary school at a cost to parents at £15 per student by one of our current cycle training providers as a trial with a view to then applying for additional funding should it be made available at a later date.

1 April 2017 – 31 March 2018

	No of Places	Funding available per place	Requested Funding from DfT per place	Total Bid	Match Funding per place		Total Match Funding	
					NSC	Parents	NSC	Parents
Level 1 (Year 4)	350	£5	£5	£1,750	£0	£0	£0	£0
Level 2 (Years 5 & 6)	0	£40	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Level 1 / 2 (Years 5 & 6)	1400	£40	£32	£44,800	£5	£0	£7,000	£0
Level 3 (Years 7 & 8)	350	£40	£32	£11,200	£5	£0	£1,750	£0
Balanceability (Year 1)	500	£25	£10	£5,000	£0	£15	£0	£7,500
Bikeability Fix (Years 7 & 8)	35	£18	£18	£630	£0	£0	£0	£0
Total				£63,380			£8,750	£7,500

1 April 2018 – 31 March 2019

	No of Places	Funding available per place	Requested Funding from DfT per place	Total Bid	Match Funding per place		Total Match Funding	
					NSC	Parents	NSC	Parents
Level 1 (Year 4)	700	£5	£5	£3,500	£0	£0	£0	£0
Level 2 (Years 5 & 6)	300	£40	£32	£9,600	£5	£0	£1,500	£0
Level 1 / 2 (Years 5 & 6)	1100	£40	£32	£35,200	£5	£0	£5,500	£0
Level 3 (Years 7 & 8)	400	£40	£32	£12,800	£5	£0	£2,000	£0
Balanceability (Year 1)	600	£25	£10	£6,000	£0	£15	£0	£9,000
Bikeability Fix (Years 7 & 8)	40	£18	£18	£720	£0	£0	£0	£0
Total				£67,820			£9,000	£9,000

1 April 2019 – 31 March 2020

	No of Places	Funding available per place	Requested Funding from DfT per place	Total Bid	Match Funding per place		Total Match Funding	
					NSC	Parents	NSC	Parents
Level 1 (Year 4)	1000	£5	£5	£5,000	£0	£0	£0	£0
Level 2 (Years 5 & 6)	600	£40	£33	£19,800	£5	£0	£3,000	£0
Level 1 / 2 (Years 5 & 6)	900	£40	£33	£29,700	£5	£0	£4,500	£0
Level 3 (Years 7 & 8)	450	£40	£33	£14,850	£5	£0	£2,250	£0
Balanceability (Year 1)	700	£25	£10	£7,000	£0	£15	£0	£10,500
Bikeability Fix (Years 7 & 8)	45	£18	£18	£810	£0	£0	£0	£0
Total				£77,160			£9,750	£10,500

DECISION:

That the Executive Member approves the bids for revenue funding from 1 September 2016 – 31 March 2020 (totalling £247,200) as detailed.

Reasons:

This funding stream available to the Sustainable Travel and Road Safety Team supports the Road Safety Strategy, the Active Travel Strategy and will be mentioned in the Sustainable Travel Modes to School Strategy (Home to School Travel Guidance).

We have the support of the NSC School Games Organiser Host School Officer – Shane German.

Other Alternatives Considered:

The figures are based on what is likely to be achieved, based on previous years and known delivery outside the programme by our current contractors.

Should we not apply for funding there is no longer staff resource, or budget available to revisit cycle training using volunteers which has been all but phased out throughout the country so no cycle training will be available.

Additional Bikeability Plus options would require significant further work to justify its inclusion in this bid as the funding is based on 10% of the total funding available as given in the guidance for the bid.

We are aware that opportunities to amend the bid will be made available by the DfT annually but this will rely on unallocated funding with no guarantee that funding will be available.

Risk Assessment:

Risk Threat/ Opportunity	Likelihood (1-4)	Impact (1-4)	Inherent Risk Score	Risk Summary Risk Control Measures	Likelihood reduction	Impact reduction	Residual Risk Score	Risk Owner
No tenders to deliver the training are received	2	4	8	Advertise presence on SW Portal to known instructors	1	4	4	STARS / H&T
Tenders are received over the grant available	3	4	12	Seek additional funding to cover training costs from schools	2	2	4	STARS / H&T

Schools do not take up the offer of training	1	4	4	Publicise to other than the School Management Team eg parents; run holiday courses	1	2	2	STARS / H&T
Contractor fails to deliver number of places in their bid or pulls out of the agreement	2	4	8	Monthly monitoring; forward progress plans; liaison meetings; discussion with other contractors to deliver extra places	1	2	2	STARS / H&T
Insufficient places available for demand	3	1	3	Bid for any additional funds when unallocated funds are announced; prioritise schools actively involved in sustainable travel	1	1	1	STARS / H&T
Lack of match-funding - 1	3	4	12	Liaise with SDG and negotiate to deliver fewer places	2	3	6	STARS / H&T
Lack of match-funding - 2	3	4	12	Liaise with schools and seek funding from them	2	3	6	STARS / H&T
Lack of NSC staff to manage the programme	3	4	12	Prioritise area of work and ensure contractors provide information in a timely and professional manner or withdraw the application.	1	3	3	STARS / H&T

Levels 1-4 – low risk; Levels 5-8 medium risk; 9-12 high risk

Financial Implications:

- The decision is within the Directorate’s overall budget but it is proposed to fund the decision from virement of £28,300 from Speedchoice Funding (claimed quarterly in arrears from Avon and Somerset Constabulary and held in reserve for road safety activity) between 1 September 2016 and 31 March 2020, and the Directorate is not projected to be overspent and is in line with corporate priorities including the draft Road Safety Strategy.

Implications for Future Years:

Detailed above.

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

Dated.....

Confirmation of Advice Given

Signed.....Director of Development & Environment

Dated.....