

# EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER DECISION

## 15<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2020

<b>Executive Board Member:</b>	<b>Portfolio:</b>
<b>Cllr. H Evans</b>	<b>Environment</b>

### Carmarthen Shopmobility

**Purpose: To Approve Support**

#### **Recommendations / key decisions required:**

The Carmarthen Shopmobility be supported with a grant of £19,650 which includes £14,650 for the operation of the business and £5,000 to cover the loss of income during the Covid pandemic for a further twelve month period commencing September 2020.

#### **Reasons:**

Shopmobility is one of many initiatives being encouraged by the Authority to support the town and is one of the key priorities within the Authority's Parking Strategy i.e.

"The County Council is committed to providing sufficient and appropriate parking facilities for all users within public car parks. It is also committed to providing a suitable mix of appropriate parking facilities for the mobility impaired."

Shopmobility assists in providing an inclusive town centre for those with mobility impairments.

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**Declaration of Personal Interest (if any):**

None

**Dispensation Granted to Make Decision (if any):**

N/A

**DECISION MADE:**

**Signed:**

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER

Recommendation of Officer adopted	YES / NO
Recommendation of the Officer was adopted <b>subject to the amendment(s) and reason(s) specified:</b>	
Reason(s) why the Officer's recommendation was <b>not adopted:</b>	

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**  
**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER DECISION**  
**15<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

**Carmarthen Shopmobility**

The County Council has supported the Carmarthen Shopmobility scheme since 2011. The current funding is an annual arrangement renewed each September.

The Carmarthen scheme provides a valuable service for the mobility impaired and has been successful with circa 1,289 uses per annum. This year the Shopmobility operation has been impacted by Covid 19 with the shop being shut since lockdown restrictions in late March 2020. The operation is planned to reopen in October with appropriate hygiene measures in place but income normally received has been lost during the period of closure.

The scheme is however mainly reliant on the County Council's financial support. The Group has requested further financial support from the Council for the forthcoming 12 months of £19,650 which includes the normal operational sum of £14,650 along with £5,000 to cover the loss of income.

Shopmobility is one of many initiatives being encouraged by the Authority to support the town. It fits with the Authority's Parking Strategy priorities

The Council has set aside funding to fund a further twelve months support.

It is therefore recommended that the Carmarthen Shopmobility scheme is supported with funding of £19,650 for a further twelve months and that:

- the authority is provided with regular reports on the scheme operational and financial performance.
- the authority is provided with copies of minutes from management meetings

Discussions are also on-going with Shopmobility to explore additional support options from the Town Council, BID and other stakeholder groups.

**Recommendation.**

The Carmarthen Shopmobility be supported with a further grant of £19,650 for a further twelve month period commencing September 2020.

**DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED ?**

**NO**

## IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report :

Signed: S.G.Pilliner

Head of Highways and Transport

Policy and Crime & Disorder	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Organisational Development	Physical Assets
<b>YES</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>

### 1. Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities

Providing more facilities for the mobility impaired is a key priority within the Authority's Integrated Parking Strategy.

### 3. Finance

All associated costs will be funded from the community transport element of the Bus Services Support Grant.

## CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: S.G.Pilliner

Head of Transportation and Highways

1. Scrutiny Committee N/A

2. Local Member(s) N/A

3. Community / Town Council N/A

4. Relevant Partners N/A

5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations N/A

**Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information**  
**List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:**

**THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW**

<b>Title of Document</b>	<b>File Ref No.</b>	<b>Locations that the papers are available for public inspection</b>
<b>Parking Strategy</b>		<b>Transportation and Highways Division, Parking Services, Parc Myrddin, Carmarthen. SA31 1HQ</b>