

CABINET MEMBER DECISION MEETING FOR TRANSPORT, WASTE AND INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

11TH AUGUST 2023

Cabinet Member:	Portfolio
Cllr. Edward Thomas	Cabinet Member for Transport, Waste and Infrastructure Services

CARMARTHEN SHOPMOBILITY

Purpose:

To approve financial support for Carmarthen Shopmobility for September 2023 to September 2024.

Recommendations / key decisions required:

It is recommended that a grant be provided to support Shopmobility in Carmarthen from September 2023 to September 2024 of £16,000.

Reasons:

Shopmobility is one of many initiatives being encouraged by the Authority to support Carmarthen town and is an important element of ensuring access to shops, businesses and services within Carmarthen are inclusive and cater for those with mobility impairments.

Shopmobility provides for hire facilities such as wheelchairs and mobility scooters for shoppers and visitors to use within the town.

The grant is funded from the County Council's Community Transport element of the Bus Services Support Grant provided by Welsh Government.

Directorate: Environment	Designation
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Declaration of Personal Interest (if any):

Dispensation Granted to Make Decision (if any):

DECISION MADE:

Signed:

DATE: _____

CABINET MEMBER

The following section will be completed by the Democratic Services Officer in attendance at the meeting

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

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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 those with mobility impairments to access the town and is important in helping the town's post-covid regeneration.

The scheme is mainly reliant on the County Council's financial support and an annual grant is normally provided which is funded from the County Council's Community Transport element of the Bus Services Support Grant.

In recognition of increased operational pressures it is proposed that the grant is increased by just over 5% for the period making the annual grant payable in 2023/24 a total of £16,000.

Shopmobility supports the County Council's updated *Corporate Strategy 2022-2027* and our Well-Being objectives of:

- Enabling our residents to live and age well.
- Enabling our communities and environment to be healthy, safe and prosperous

The Council has set aside funding to support Shopmobility in Llanelli and Carmarthen for a further twelve months.

Should there be any surplus funding at the end of their financial year it would be relatively modest and reinvested in supporting the improvement of the service.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that a grant be provided to support Shopmobility in Carmarthen from September 2023 to September 2024 of £16,000.

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 Transportation and Highways**

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

1. Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities

Providing more facilities for the mobility impaired is an important element supporting the Authority's Corporate Strategy 2022-27.

2. 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 Highways & Transportation**

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

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Corporate Strategy 2022-2027		Corporate Strategy 2022-2027 (gov.wales)