

SUBJECT:	SECTION 106 FUNDING RELEASE FOR BUS SERVICES & INFRASTRUCTURE
MEETING:	Individual Cabinet Member Cllr Bryan Jones County Operations
DATE:	14th March 2018
DIVISION/WARDS AFFECTED:	all

1. PURPOSE:

This report seeks approval for funding secured through Section 106 agreements to be released for use to support bus services and bus infrastructure.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

To approve the release of Section 106 funding as set out in appendix A.

3. KEY ISSUES:

As part of Section 106 agreements, where appropriate to the development, MCC requires developers to provide funding for public transport improvements to enable adequate bus connectivity to/from key local destinations (e.g. town centres, school, non-car, employment areas).

MCC has received a number of such Section 106-related funding, and these must now be used by the spend date, or they will need to be returned. It is therefore now proposed that the Section 106 contributions set out in table appendix A below are released to enable service improvements or prevent threatened service deterioration, or bus infrastructure improvements, as set out.

It is expected that £43,734 funding for bus services and £15,000 for infrastructure spend will be used in 2018/19, with the remainder to be used over the next 2-3 years as per spend dates. However MCC supported bus services in the Abergavenny area are currently being retendered, and the spend profile (within the required spend dates) may change in reaction to the tendering exercise.

4. OPTIONS APPRAISAL

Three of the five contributions specifically relate to bus services only and cannot be spend on any other project. The other two must be spend on bus infrastructure. There are outstanding requests for bus stop improvements along the Caldicot – Chepstow corridor, and it is proposed to use the funding to provide such improvements.

5. EVALUATION CRITERIA

An evaluation assessment has been included at Appendix A for future evaluation of whether the decision has been successfully implemented. The decision will come back to this committee in 12 months for review.

6. REASONS:

To allow MCC to make use of certain bus-related Section 106 contributions, to enable bus service improvements or prevent threatened service deterioration, or provide bus infrastructure improvements.

7. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

None direct. There is though considerable pressure on MCC's bus services budget, while at the same time there are demands for improved services relating to new developments. The allocation will enable bus service improvements or prevent threatened service deterioration.

8. WELLBEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS IMPLICATIONS (INCORPORATING EQUALITIES, SUSTAINABILITY, SAFEGUARDING AND CORPORATE PARENTING):

The Monmouthshire Public Service Board Draft Well-being Plan list "poor public transport" as a key challenge (Foreword, p.g) and that "Limited public transport, particularly in rural areas, makes it harder for people to access jobs, services and facilities" (p.26). The plan states that "developing public transport solutions is essential to address rural isolation and access to jobs and services" (p.25). It adds that "Enabling active travel and sustainable transport to improve air quality and give other health benefits" contributes to the Wellbeing objectives of "Provide children and young people with the best possible start in life", "Respond to the challenges associated with demographic change" and "Develop opportunities for communities and businesses to be part of an economically thriving and well-connected county" (p. 25).

9. CONSULTEES:

Section 106 officers, Head of Operations

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS:

None

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APPENDIX A – Proposed new transportation section 106 approvals

Development	Contribution purpose	Contribution amount	Spend Date	Proposed use	Proposed timescale
Abergavenny – Croesonen Infants School Site (N547)	“Public Transport Contribution towards bus service improvements and upgrades to cycle links”	£23,734	19 May 2019	Local bus services in and around Abergavenny (routes 3, A2, 45, 46, 47 or successor, or Grassroutes demand responsive service)	Financial year (FY) 2018/19
Abergavenny - Cattle Market, 1 Park Road (N580)	“Funding for additional evening and Sunday bus services in the vicinity of the Site”	£30,000	£10,000 for 18/19 £10,000 for 19/20 £10,000 20/21 Expire of Spend total by 7 Sep 2022		FY 2019/20 to 2021/22
Monmouth – Land at Croft y Bwla, Rockfield Road (N563)	“Public Transport Contribution (for bus services serving the site)”	£30,000	£10k by 29 Nov 2018, £10k by 3 Aug 2020, £10k by 2-Nov 2021	Local bus services to Overmonnow serving Croft y Bwla / Rockfield Road (route W5 or successor, Grassroutes demand responsive service)	£10k in FY 2018/19, remainder in following FYs
Caldicot - Playing Fields at Caldicot Comprehensive School (N578)	“Public Transport Infrastructure Contribution”	£15,000	By 27 July 2019	Bus stops Caldicot – Chepstow corridor	FY 2018/19
Chepstow - Land at the Forensic Science Service, Usk Road (N584)	“Improvement of public transport infrastructure in the vicinity of the site”	£48,000	Spend date not specified	Bus stops Caldicot – Chepstow corridor	tbd

Appendix B – Evaluation Criteria – Cabinet, Individual Cabinet Member Decisions & Council

Title of Report:	SECTION 106 FUNDING RELEASE FOR BUS SERVICES
Date decision was made:	Tbd
Report Author:	Christian Schmidt / Richard Cope

What will happen as a result of this decision being approved by Cabinet or Council?
<p>What is the desired outcome of the decision? Approval of release of Section 106 funding as set out in appendix A</p> <p>What effect will the decision have on the public/officers? Bus service improvements in, or prevention of threatened service deterioration, in Abergavenny, Chepstow and Monmouth</p>
<p>12 month appraisal</p> <p>Was the desired outcome achieved? What has changed as a result of the decision? Have things improved overall as a result of the decision being taken?</p>

What benchmarks and/or criteria will you use to determine whether the decision has been successfully implemented?
<p>Think about what you will use to assess whether the decision has had a positive or negative effect: Has there been an increase/decrease in the number of users? Bus timetables with use of funding against what they would have been without funding</p> <p>Has the level of service to the customer changed and how will you know? Bus passengers with use of funding against what they would have been without funding</p> <p>If decision is to restructure departments, has there been any effect on the team (e.g increase in sick leave)? n/a</p>
<p>12 month appraisal</p>

What is the estimate cost of implementing this decision or, if the decision is designed to save money, what is the proposed saving that the decision will achieve?
<p>Give an overview of the planned costs associated with the project, which should already be included in the report, so that once the evaluation is completed there is a quick overview of whether it was delivered on budget or if the desired level of savings was achieved. n/a</p>
<p>12 month appraisal</p>

<p>Any other comments</p>

Appendix C – Future Generation Assessment

Name of the Officer: Christian Schmidt Phone no: 07471 479238 E-mail: christianschmidt@monmouthshire.gov.uk	Please give a brief description of the aims of the proposal: Report seeking Council approval for funding secured through Section 106 agreements to be released for use to support bus services.
Name of Service: Transport	Date Future Generations Evaluation: 15/02/18




NB. Key strategies and documents that may help you identify your contribution to the wellbeing goals and sustainable development principles include: Single Integrated Plan, Continuance Agreement, Improvement Plan, Local Development Plan, People Strategy, Asset Management Plan, Green Infrastructure SPG, Welsh Language Standards, etc



1. **Does your proposal deliver any of the well-being goals below?** Please explain the impact (positive and negative) you expect, together with suggestions of how to mitigate negative impacts or better contribute to the goal.

Well Being Goal	Does the proposal contribute to this goal? Describe the positive and negative impacts.	What actions have been/will be taken to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
A prosperous Wales Efficient use of resources, skilled, educated people, generates wealth, provides jobs	The proposal will enable bus service improvements or prevent threatened service deterioration. As such it will improve access to education and workplaces, esp. for those that would otherwise struggle to access such destinations. There is also evidence that in areas with high public transport users residents use less of their available money on transport, and thus have more for other purposes.	n/a
A resilient Wales Maintain and enhance biodiversity and ecosystems that support resilience and can adapt to change (e.g. climate change)	On average travelling by public transport produces less climate emissions than travelling by car.	n/a
A healthier Wales People's physical and mental wellbeing is maximized and health impacts are understood	On average travelling by public transport means more walking than travelling by car.	n/a
A Wales of cohesive communities Communities are attractive, viable, safe and well connected	See Monmouthshire Public Service Board Draft Well-being Plan, which sets out that sustainable transport supports this well-being goal	n/a
A globally responsible Wales Taking account of impact on global well-being when considering local	See Monmouthshire Public Service Board Draft Well-being Plan, which	n/a

Well Being Goal	Does the proposal contribute to this goal? Describe the positive and negative impacts.	What actions have been/will be taken to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
social, economic and environmental wellbeing	sets out that sustainable transport supports this well-being goal	
A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language Culture, heritage and Welsh language are promoted and protected. People are encouraged to do sport, art and recreation	No impact	n/a
A more equal Wales People can fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances	See Monmouthshire Public Service Board Draft Well-being Plan, which sets out that sustainable transport supports this well-being goal	n/a

2. How has your proposal embedded and prioritised the sustainable governance principles in its development?

Sustainable Development Principle	Does your proposal demonstrate you have met this principle? If yes, describe how. If not explain why.	Are there any additional actions to be taken to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
 Balancing short term need with long term and planning for the future <small>Long Term</small>	The proposal will contribute towards the long-term sustainability of the Monmouthshire bus network.	No
 Working together with other partners to deliver objectives <small>Collaboration</small>	No specific consultation with users have been undertaken. MCC undertakes bus users surgery's from time to time, together with Bus Users Wales and operators. The proposal will enable bus service improvements or prevent threatened service deterioration.	No
 Involving those with an interest and seeking their views <small>Involvement</small>	No specific consultation with users have been undertaken. MCC undertakes bus users surgery's from time to time, together with Bus Users Wales and operators.	No

Sustainable Development Principle	Does your proposal demonstrate you have met this principle? If yes, describe how. If not explain why.	Are there any additional actions to be taken to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
 <p>Putting resources into preventing problems occurring or getting worse</p>	<p>The proposal will enable bus service improvements or prevent threatened service deterioration.</p>	<p>If the report is agreed, officers would be looking at best options to make use of the funding. As this will be dependent on, amongst others, contract bids, it is unclear at the moment what service improvements can be achieved or what service deterioration prevented.</p>
 <p>Considering impact on all wellbeing goals together and on other bodies</p>	<p>The proposal does not impact negatively on any of the goals or any other body.</p>	<p>No</p>

3. Are your proposals going to affect any people or groups of people with protected characteristics? Please explain the impact, the evidence you have used and any action you are taking below. For more detailed information on the protected characteristics, the Equality Act 2010 and the Welsh Language Standards that apply to Monmouthshire Council please follow this link: <http://hub/corporatedocs/Equalities/Forms/AllItems.aspx> or contact Alan Burkitt on 01633 644010 or alanburkitt@monmouthshire.gov.uk

Protected Characteristics	Describe any positive impacts your proposal has on the protected characteristic	Describe any negative impacts your proposal has on the protected characteristic	What has been/will be done to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
Age	Positive on younger and older people, who are more reliant on bus services than the average population	none	n/a
Disability	Positive on persons with disabilities who are more reliant on bus services than the average population	none	n/a
Gender reassignment	No effect expected	n/a	n/a
Marriage or civil partnership	No effect expected	n/a	n/a
Pregnancy or maternity	No effect expected	n/a	n/a
Race	No effect expected	n/a	n/a
Religion or Belief	No effect expected	n/a	n/a

Protected Characteristics	Describe any positive impacts your proposal has on the protected characteristic	Describe any negative impacts your proposal has on the protected characteristic	What has been/will be done to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
Sex	Positive on Females who are more reliant on bus services than the average population	none	n/a
Sexual Orientation	No effect expected	n/a	n/a
Welsh Language	No effect expected. All bus services will need to comply with the relevant Welsh Government guidance	n/a	n/a

4. Council has agreed the need to consider the impact its decisions has on important responsibilities of Corporate Parenting and safeguarding. Are your proposals going to affect either of these responsibilities? For more information please see the guidance <http://hub/corporatedocs/Democratic%20Services/Safeguarding%20Guidance.docx> and for more on Monmouthshire's Corporate Parenting Strategy see <http://hub/corporatedocs/SitePages/Corporate%20Parenting%20Strategy.aspx>

	Describe any positive impacts your proposal has on safeguarding and corporate parenting	Describe any negative impacts your proposal has on safeguarding and corporate parenting	What will you do/ have you done to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
Safeguarding	No impacts expected	No impacts expected	n/a
Corporate Parenting	No impacts expected	No impacts expected	n/a

5. What evidence and data has informed the development of your proposal?

There existing bus network is regularly reviewed in terms of patronage, costs and new developments. This would be continued, any key conclusions would be reported to the Strategic Transport Group

6. **SUMMARY:** As a result of completing this form, what are the main positive and negative impacts of your proposal, how have they informed/changed the development of the proposal so far and what will you be doing in future?

The bus services funded by MCC provide vital mobility and access to key destinations for many residents. The proposal will enable bus service improvements or prevent threatened service deterioration

7. ACTIONS: As a result of completing this form are there any further actions you will be undertaking? Please detail them below, if applicable.

What are you going to do	When are you going to do it?	Who is responsible	Progress
Review local bus routes in Abergavenny, Chepstow and Monmouth with a view to improve services or prevent threatened service deterioration	Ongoing, within the spend timelines to enable spend by the deadlines set out in the report	Business Manager (Passenger Transport & Transport Planning)	

8. MONITORING: The impacts of this proposal will need to be monitored and reviewed. Please specify the date at which you will evaluate the impact, and where you will report the results of the review.

The impacts of this proposal will be evaluated on:	Ongoing as part of the continuing monitoring of the local bus network. Any key conclusions would be reported to the Strategic Transport Group
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9. VERSION CONTROL: The Future Generations Evaluation should be used at the earliest stages of decision making, and then honed and refined throughout the decision making process. It is important to keep a record of this process so that we can demonstrate how we have considered and built in sustainable development wherever possible.

Version No.	Decision making stage	Date considered	Brief description of any amendments made following consideration
0-1	For Individual Cabinet Member	14 March 2018	Drawing up of information for cabinet member report. The general impact of bus services on well-being has been set out in the Monmouthshire Public Service Board Draft Well-being Plan, the impact on equality previously in the equality impact assessment of the council's 2015 Local Transport Plan