

Report of the Cabinet Member for City Strategy

Review of Council-supported community transport services

Summary

1. The report included as Annex A was taken to the City Strategy Cabinet member Decision Session on 3rd November 2011. At the meeting the Cabinet Member declared a personal non prejudicial interest in relation to this Agenda Item as a founder member of York Wheels. The Cabinet Member confirmed that he had however had no direct involvement with the body for a number of years but knew the Operations Manager who was also a Cabinet colleague.
2. This report considers the way the Council supports York Wheels Limited, a voluntary sector transport operator, which provides transport for York residents who cannot use conventional transport due to disability or cost.
3. The report outlines the current support given to York Wheels and the arrangement currently in place to deliver York's Dial & Ride service, which the charity manages and delivers on a day-to-day basis for the Council.
4. The report recommends the Council's response to a proposal from York Wheels to take a greater role in planning and delivering community transport services.

Recommendations

- 5 The Cabinet Member for City Strategy makes the following recommendations to the Cabinet:
 - i) To note the report contents.
 - ii) Agree to York Wheels taking responsibility and control for the planning and delivery of Dial and

Ride, within the context of a revised service level agreement.

- iii) Ask officers to negotiate the details of a service level agreement with York Wheels to support the range of services that it currently delivers and its Dial and Ride service.
- iv) Agree to the requested grant settlement for the period January to December 2012 and delegate responsibility to officers for the grant agreement for subsequent years within agreed budgetary limitations.²

REASON:

This course of action will allow the Council to continue to support York Wheels in its delivery of services to York residents at a sustainable cost. It will also allow York Wheels the flexibility to adapt its services to the changing needs of York's residents and communities.

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Specialist Implications Officer(s) *List information for all*
None

Wards Affected: *List wards or tick box to indicate all* **All**

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Annexes

Annex A – Report of the Director of City Strategy, 3rd November 2011