

BUDGET CUT ASSESSMENT FORM

W18

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<p>Description of Proposal: Cease Local Motion Marketing, Travel Behaviour and Personalised Travel Planning</p> <p>The programme aims to reduce the use of private cars for some journeys as part of Highway Authority’s traffic management duty and encourage/motivate people to use sustainable transport. This is delivered through a Personalised Travel Planning programme, provision of travel information/options and marketing campaigns targeted at specific groups, and includes working with businesses and job centres, as well as community groups and individuals.</p> <p>The programme has been delivered for a number of years through grant funding and Darlington is nationally recognised leaders in this type of activity leading to the programmes being delivered in the Tees Valley as part of a joint LSTF funded project and under contract to Durham County Council.</p> <p>The lack of future grant funding means the requirement to cease the service</p> <p>The Council will retain a core function of 2 to 3 to provide public transport and sustainable transport statutory requirements. The Council will continue to look to develop funding bids and business cases to fund staff to deliver requirements of workplace travel planning and travel behaviour resulting from planning obligations and new grant funding opportunities that will be cost neutral to the MTFP (ie staff levels above the core function).</p> <p>Staff Impact 3 Posts to be removed</p> <p>Other Impacts</p> <p>Sustainable Transport Funding Grant has secured over £20million funding in last 10 years and a reduced service will reduce ability to secure more from DfT and TVU LEP moving forward. (£8m capital available over the SEP term).</p> <p>Transport & Infrastructure Funding is being made available through competitive bidding processes. DBC needs to consider retaining an ability to develop schemes and win ‘fair share’ of funding.</p> <p>The Local Motion activities help to reduce traffic congestion, hence reducing the need for additional capital investment in the highway network, improve health outcomes through active travel initiatives and assist developers in managing their parking requirements and enabling those members of the workforce who don’t have access to a car to access employment. Accessibility to employment is a key issue particularly when dealing with the issue of worklessness.</p>						
Human Resources Impacts		Asset Management Impacts		Decommissioning Costs		Cost Shunting
No. of posts to be deleted	3 permanent 15 as temp contracts expire.	Detail any released buildings/building space Identify disposal or requisition issues		In addition to HR and Asset costs identify any others e.g. early contract termination costs		Is there any known or potential to increase costs elsewhere within Council budgets
No. of potential redundancies	3					
Estimated Redundancy costs	£16,613					

Financial Summary					
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Estimated reduction to budget	Nil previously grant funded				
Redundancy Costs	0	0	0	0	0
Asset Implication					
Decommissioning Costs					
Known Cost Shunting					
Overheads	0	0	0	0	0
NET Budget Reduction	0	0	0	0	0

Equality Impacts

Overview is EIA needed?			Protected Characteristics								
Put 'x' in relevant box if the proposal:		'x'	Comments, including any charge across the options. Include the number of people affected, where known	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Put 'x' in the box in the Impact column if there are positive (P) or negative (N) equality impacts. Leave box blank if there are no potential equality impacts Put L, M, H or ? in relevant column using following descriptions: L = sustainable adjustment in daily routine M = significant reorganisation or change H = life changing or limiting impact on quality of life ? = not known at this stage. 			Explain decision, level of impact and any change across the options		Yes	Brief Details	
Affects	Service users	x	Most of the Borough covered through Local Motion programmes over the years.			Impact	Level				
	Employees	x	Staff impacted by proposal.		P	N	L/M/H/?		Have Cumulative Impacts been identified?	y	Links to other potential ceasing of Road Safety and Childrens Services.
	The wider community			Age					Have unlawful impacts been identified?		
Significantly affects how services are delivered?		x	Service will cease.	Race					Are there opportunities to advance equality?		
Have a significant effect on partner organisations?		x	Potential impact on bus operators who we have partnerships with.	Sex					Are there opportunities to foster good relations?		
Affect services known to be important to particular protected groups?				Gender Reassignment					Have any other options been explored and discounted?		
Affect different protected groups in different ways?				Disability							
Relate to service areas with known inequalities		x	Assisting those access jobs without personal transport.	Religion or Belief							
				Sexual Orientation							
				Pregnancy or Maternity							
				Marriage/Civil Partnership							

MTFP – 2016/17 – Equality Screenings. This screening tool is to gather information on potential equality impacts to inform decision making. It is not an equality impact assessment. EIA will be done at a later stage where appropriate. All proposals must have an equality screen document. Decision makers must have equality screening information before any decision is taken. DBC is at risk of legal challenge if decision makers do not have this information.