



## **Contract and Financial Procedure Matters Report**

### **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report deals with the following items that require reporting to and approval by Council Cabinet under contract and financial procedure rules ...
- Temporary extension for one year of the existing agreement between the Council and Derby Community Transport – DCT – for the provision of community transport services. This will allow officers to undertake work to establish what types of services should be provided under any future agreement to fulfil the accessibility proposals in the new Local Transport Plan - LTP.
  - The non-Council housing element of the Housing capital programme following confirmation of government funding 2006/7 to revise the programme.
- 1.2 Subject to any issues raised at the meeting, I support the following recommendation.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 To approve the extension of the current agreement with DCT, within the existing terms and conditions and budget for the provision of community transport services in the city for a year to September 2007.
- 2.2 To note the actual allocation as notified by the Government Office for the East Midlands – GOEM – for the housing capital programme for 2006/7. The notification letter is attached at Appendix 2.
- 2.3 To agree that the housing capital programme will be subject to further revisions to confirm the reallocation of the balance of the programme and that the necessary capital scheme commencement approval will be sought at that point.



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### **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

#### **1. Temporary extension of the existing agreement between the Council and Derby Community Transport for the provision of community transport services**

- 1.1 In September 2001 Derby City Council entered into a five year agreement with Derby Community Transport – DCT – for them to provide community transport services in the city. DCT, was founded in 1981 and is a non profit making charitable organisation which provides a range of specialist transport services in Derby to community groups and to elderly and disabled people who are unable to use conventional public transport.
- 1.2 Under the terms of this agreement in return for guaranteed funding from the Council DCT provides the following services for people throughout the city who find it difficult to use conventional bus services:
  - a weekly “dial a bus” service which provides elderly and disabled people who find it difficult to use conventional buses with a door to door return service on a wheelchair accessible vehicle from their home to a local supermarket
  - a weekly “dial a bus” service which provides elderly and disabled people who find it difficult to use conventional buses with a door to door return service on a wheelchair accessible vehicle from their home to the city centre
  - a door to door return service on a wheelchair accessible vehicle for elderly and disabled people who find it difficult to use conventional buses from their home to Pride Park Stadium when Derby County Football Club have a home game
  - a minibus hire service for affiliated voluntary community groups such as luncheon clubs to allow them to undertake social trips.
- 1.3 This agreement is due to end in September of this year. Cabinet is being asked to consider extending the current agreement by a year to allow for work to be undertaken to define what the future provision of community transport services in the city should be taking account of the accessibility priorities identified in the new Local Transport Plan, LTP, recently submitted to government.
- 1.4 The new LTP which was submitted to the Department for Transport in March has set out a number of priorities for improving accessibility for deprived and disadvantaged groups such as the elderly and disabled to key facilities such as food shopping and health facilities in the city over the next 5 years. Increasing the use of the community

transport services and widening the journey opportunities available to its users was seen as a key means of achieving these accessibility improvements.

- 1.5 Allowing the existing agreement to be extended for a year will allow officers to ensure that any new agreement takes account of these accessibility improvement proposals whilst ensuring there is sufficient time for consultation with existing users to ensure they are not disadvantaged by the new proposals.

## **2. Housing Capital Programme**

- 2.1 The report to Cabinet in February 2006 setting out the overall capital programme for the Council included a statement that the element of the Housing capital programme that does not relate to Council housing is to be funded from 2006/07 onwards in part by a new capital grant, SCE (C) from the Government, and that there had been no formal announcement of those resources at that point. The capital programme had therefore been constructed on the basis of an assumed level of funding from this source.
- 2.2 The Government have now informed us of the allocations that they have made. These are set out in the notification letter received from GOEM shown at Appendix 2.
- 2.3 Derby is the single largest recipient of Regional Housing Board funding through this new route. The allocations to all local authorities in the East Midlands region are set out in the table shown at Appendix 3.
- 2.4 The private sector capital programme will be revised to take account of the outcome of the city wide private sector decent homes survey soon to be completed. This will inform the priorities for achieving the Government's PSA7 target to increase the proportion of vulnerable households living in decent homes in the private sector.
- 2.5 Further reports detailing the revisions will be presented to Cabinet including proposals for the implementation of the Rosehill Market Renewal pilot scheme.

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Background papers:	None
List of appendices:	Appendix 1 – Implications Appendix 2 – Government Office for the East Midlands – Notification letter Appendix 3 – East Midlands Regional Allocations

<b>IMPLICATIONS</b>
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**Financial****1.1 Temporary extension of the existing agreement between the Council and Derby Community Transport for the provision of community transport services**

- 1.1.1 In 2005/06 Derby City Council paid DCT £313,040 along with additional mileage cost to provide the services explained in the summary. The 2006/07 budget contains £320,863 for the contract along with £24,550 for mileage to cover the cost of the scheme until April 2007. The indicative budget for 2007/08 which forms part of the contract extension period, assumes an inflationary increase to the Community Transport budgets. Contract rates under the extension will be negotiated as necessary in order to remain within existing budgets and any variations agreed to the 2007/8 budget in due course.

**1.2 Housing Capital Programme**

As detailed in section 2.

**Legal**

2. None.

**Personnel**

3. None.

**Equalities impact****4. Temporary extension of the existing agreement between the Council and Derby Community Transport for the provision of community transport services**

- 4.1 The existing scheme allows elderly and disabled people who would not otherwise be able to access conventional public transport to reach key facilities such as local shops and the city centre thus significant improving the quality of their lives

**Corporate objectives and priorities for change**

5. These recommendations, where relevant, are in line with approved budgets which accord with the Council's corporate objectives and priorities.



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Dear Mr Morris

**SECTION 31 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2003  
EAST MIDLANDS REGIONAL HOUSING POT:  
CONFIRMATION OF CAPITAL GRANT FUNDING 2006/07**

I am pleased to write to you to confirm the details of the capital grant allocation to be made to Derby City Council during 2006/07. Total funding of £8,102,746 will be paid into your account during April 2006.

This amount has been calculated based upon your bids to the Regional Housing Board to support the following:

- your response to the Government's target of ensuring that at least 70% of vulnerable households in the private sector live in decent accommodation, including the DASH and HI4EM projects (£2,484,356);
- the implementation of the housing market renewal pilot at Rose Hill (£5,523,390);
- undertaking research into the needs of the gipsy & traveller community within the sub-region (£45,000); and
- carrying out a sub-regional housing market assessment (£50,000).

Please retain a copy of the attached grant determination for your records. A copy of this letter has been sent to your chief financial officer.

Yours sincerely

*Melanie Alker.*

MELANIE ALKER  
Director for Housing



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

## REGIONAL HOUSING POT GRANT DETERMINATION 2006: No. 31/251

The Minister of State for Housing and Planning ("the Minister of State"), in exercise of the powers conferred on her by section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003, hereby makes the following determination: -

### Citation

- 1) This determination may be cited as the Regional Housing Pot Grant Determination 2006 No. 31/251.

### Purpose of the grant

- 2) The purpose of the grant is to provide support to local authorities in England towards the financing of capital expenditure only, lawfully incurred or to be incurred by them.

### Determination

- 3) The Minister of State determines the authorities to which grant is paid and the maximum amount of grant to be paid, the authorities and the amounts set out in Annex A.

### Payments

- 4) Payment of capital grant will be made in one instalment on or before 30 April 2006.

### Treasury consent

- 5) Before making this determination the Minister of State obtained consent from the Treasury.

Signed by authority of the Minister of State for Housing and Planning.



Peter Ruback  
Head of Affordable Housing Division  
Office of the Deputy Prime Minister  
23 March 2006

## Housing Capital Grant Funding 2006/07 East Midlands Region

Local Authority	Funding (£k)	% of Total Allocation
<b>Derby</b>	<b>8102,746</b>	<b>28%</b>
Amber Valley	812,719	3%
Ashfield	1226,198	4%
Bassetlaw	487,295	2%
Blaby	143,500	<0%
Bolsover	3473,103	12%
Boston	250,784	1%
Broxtowe	80,000	<0%
Charnwood	208,411	1%
Chesterfield	565,909	2%
Corby	80,750	<0%
Daventry	131,375	<0%
Derbyshire Dales	533,666	2%
East Lindsey	241,194	1%
East Northamptonshire	145,185	1%
Erewash	465,551	2%
Gedling	302,970	1%
Harborough	155,890	1%
High Peak	367,231	1%
Hinckley and Bosworth	267,399	1%
Kettering	172,513	1%
Leicester	2185,243	8%
Lincoln	603,468	2%
Mansfield	3117,725	11%
Melton	133,699	0%
Newark and Sherwood	218,223	1%
North East Derbyshire	160,350	1%
North Kesteven	342,779	1%
North West Leicestershire	351,923	1%
Northampton	575,909	2%
Nottingham	1537,688	5%
Oadby and Wigston	69,500	<0%
Rushcliffe	268,826	1%
Rutland	50,250	<0%
South Derbyshire	415,037	1%
South Holland	203,875	1%
South Kesteven	52,625	<0%
South Northamptonshire	48,125	<0%
Wellingborough	137,491	<0%
West Lindsey	120,876	<0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,808,000</b>	