


Report of: Transport & Parking Business Manager


To: Executive Board



Date: 18th June 2007


Item No:

Title of Report : Dial a Ride Service – Extension to contract


 **Summary and Recommendations**


 **Purpose of report: To agree to provide an extra Dial a Ride bus for the City on four days of the week.**



 **Key decision: Yes** 


 **Portfolio Holder: Councillor Jean Fooks**

Scrutiny Responsibility: Finance Scrutiny Committee


 **Ward(s) affected: All**


Report Approved by: Councillor Jean Fooks - Portfolio Holder
 **Christopher Kaye – Financial and Asset Management**
Jeremy Franklin – Legal and Democratic Services

 **Policy Framework: Improving transport and mobility and maintaining**
 **financial stability**

 **Recommendation(s):**

- 1. To approve the spending of £50K on the provision of an additional Dial a Ride bus for four days a week**
- 2. To agree to entering into a Deed of Variation with the existing provider of the Dial a Ride service.**





SUMMARY

1. This report proposes the provision of a second Dial a Ride bus for use within the City boundary.

COUNCIL'S VISION

2. The proposal supports the Council's vision by Improving Transport and Mobility and maintaining financial stability.

BACKGROUND

3. The City Council entered into a partnership agreement with the County Council, West Oxfordshire District Council and the Vale of the White Horse District Council for the provision of three Dial a Ride buses, one for each of the District Councils with effect from April 2005.
4. The current demand on the City Council bus out strips the capacity of one bus.

PROPOSED CHANGES

5. It is proposed to add a second bus to the City Council section of the contract.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6. At budget setting time for the 2007/2008 financial year a sum of £50K was agreed to be made available to fund an additional Dial a Ride bus for use within the City boundary. At the present cost of the existing service this sum of money will provide an additional bus for four days a week.

PROCEDURES

7. A Deed of Variation will have to be entered into between the City Council and the external provider and agreed by all parties to the original agreement.

STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

8. There are no staffing implications as a result of this proposal.

Background Papers: Executive Board report of 7th February 2005

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