

BRIEFING NOTE FOR SCRUTINY BOARD MEETING
28TH SEPTEMBER 2010

Bromsgrove Urban and Rural Transport (BURT)

Background

Bromsgrove District Council have entered into a Service Level Agreement with Bromsgrove WRVS, to provide minibus transport for residents of the District with limited personal mobility or who are unable to use conventional transport services.

The period of the agreement was for two and a half years, commencing from 1st September 2009 to 31st March 2012, however the agreement may be terminated by either party by giving 3 months notice in writing.

Financial Investment in Setting up the Service

A full cost breakdown for the service can be seen on the attached **Appendix 1**. In summary for 2009/10, the Council had allocated £75,000 of capital to purchase the required vehicle. However decisions were made at the time to invest in a second hand bus at a value of £14,750. The remaining capital was put back into balances for 2010/11. The revenue budget for 2009/10 was £30,000. However this budget was underestimated resulting in a small over spend of £4,652 at year end.

Any income made by WRVS is netted off against the amount of recharge they make to the Council. This amount will vary depending on the number of journeys. Full details of passenger usage and income can be found in **Appendix 2**.

WRVS currently employ two part time office staff and two part time drivers.

Summary of the Journeys and take up

Location of Users	Age Profile	Total	Registrations	Total	Popular Destinations
Alvechurch	>30	3	September	25	Amphlett Hall
Barnt Green	>40	1	October	61	Crabtree Court
Belbroughton	>50	8	November	71	Dolphin Centre
Bournheath	>60	19	December	16	Edwin Court
Bromsgrove	>70	38	January	14	Gilbert Court
Burcot	>80	128	February	48	Little Heath Gdn Centre
Cofton Hackett	>90	134	March	32	Lowes Court
Fairfield	>100	25	April	25	Morrisons

Location of Users	Age Profile	Total	Registrations	Total	Popular Stops
Frankley	>110	1	May	20	Shenstone Court
Hagley			June	18	St Andrews B/Green
Hollywood			July	27	Webbs
Hopwood					Windsor Street (shops)
Marlbrook					
Romsley					
Rubery					
Stoke Prior					
Tutnall					
Wythall					
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Future Service Delivery

Redditch Borough Council currently supports the BURT bus through a service and maintenance agreement. This also extends to the use of the spare Redditch Dial a Ride vehicle when the BURT bus is off the road. This relationship is critical for the BURT bus in order to allow continuity of service.

Given the closer working relationships between the two authorities and the existing links between BURT and Redditch Dial a Ride, there are opportunities for further integration and will be considered as part of the Council's Shared Services agenda.

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