

Bus Service Operator Grant 2022/23

SECTION A: BACKGROUND AND CONTACTS

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| Q1. What is your local transport authority name? |
| Oxfordshire County Council |
| Q2. Name of the reporting officer: |
| Dave Harrison |
| Q3. Contact phone number of the reporting officer: |
| 07901331751 |
| Q4. Email address of the reporting officer: |
| dave.harrison@oxfordshire.gov.uk |

SECTION B: TENDERED BUS NETWORK

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| Q5. What have you used the BSOG funds for? Please exclude any funding via Bus Recovery Grant and any other funding provided through the local authority. If there has been no spend on a particular element, please enter 0. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| D. Investing in supporting bus infrastructure provision | £0 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| E. Other - Bus | £58927 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| F. Non Bus | £0 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total: | £348204 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| If you selected 'Other - Bus' or 'Other - Non Bus', please provide further details: Bus fuel subsidy to Oxfordshire County Council Fleet Services for provision of the Comet community transport arrangements. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Q6. If you provided an amount for A, B or C in Q5, did you place specific requirements on operators as a condition of payment (for example, setting a minimum standard of emissions requirement which needed to be met)? Yes If yes, please provide details The County Council sets minimum emissions requirements for all its local bus contracts with commercial providers, which vary from Euro 4 to Euro 6 dependent on the area served. Various other requirements are made, including (but not limited to) information provision, staff training, number of seats, ticketing requirements, connections with rail services (where relevant) etc. These apply to all such contracts, not just those part-funded by BSOG. For community transport services, these conditions do not apply. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Q7. If you provided an amount for C, D or E in Q5, please specify the type of services/infrastructure you have invested in: A. Community Transport run under a section 19 permit | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

SECTION B: TENDERED BUS NETWORK

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| Q8. Please provide details of which parts of your existing bus service you would not be able to deliver without the financial assistance from BSOG. If you did not spend any of your BSOG on maintaining current tendered services, please enter N/A. N/A in 2022/23 because of surpluses within the ENCTS (concessionary fares) budget, which has enabled lower use of BSOG this year. However the Council emphasises that this will not always be the case and in 2023/24 and forwards it is expected that much greater use of BSOG will be made. Initial contracts for new tendered services run until August 2024 and it is anticipated these arrangements will need to be extended using BSOG. |
| Q9. If you have used BSOG to increase the level of tendered services, please indicate how this has been spent. Other (please specify): Replacing services which were previously commercially operated, following the DfT-mandated network review in 2022. If you would like to provide additional information on any of your answers, please do so here: The DfT mandated local authorities to undertake a network review process with operators as a result of Covid financial support. Following this exercise a significant number of services were declared non-commercial and the Council put these out to tender with a budget created from BSOG and ENCTS surpluses. The latter has catered for the majority of spend in 2022/23. |
| Q10. Please provide an estimate of the number of tendered routes supported by BSOG in your LA. 2 (in 2022/23, because majority funded by ENCTS surplus) |

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Q11. In addition to BSOG did your transport authority spend other financial resources on supporting bus services? Please exclude any funding from Bus Recovery Grant.

Yes

If yes, please state the amount spent (excluding Bus Recovery Grant)
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Q12. If you answered yes to question 11, please explain how money over and above BSOG/Bus Recovery Grant was spent.

If there has been no spend on a particular element, please enter 0.

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| A. Maintaining current tendered services | £1128443 |
| B. Increasing level of tendered services | £181048 |
| C. Investing in alternative services (e.g. community transport, taxi buses) | £28000 |
| D. Community transport run under a section 19 permit | £149000 |
| E. Network redesign/reconfiguration | £551738 |
| F. Bus stops/shelters | £100000 |
| G. Bus lanes | £0 |
| H. Real time journey information | £310003 |
| I. Other | £0 |
| Total: | £2448232 |

If you selected 'Other', please give details:

We have not included bus services funded by Section 106 agreements in this information, as these services are treated as commercial for BSOG purposes and the grant is claimed by the operator.
Note: For "network redesign/reconfiguration" we have included costs associated with operators declaring services non-commercial and these becoming tendered operations for the purposes of this exercise.

Q13. Did you spend all of your allocated BSOG 2022/23 grant?

No

If no, what are your plans for the carry-over funds?

Most bus service contracts initially funded by BSOG/ENCTS will come to an end in August 2024, and BSIP-funded contracts come to an end in March 2025. The Council anticipates that significant use of surpluses will then be necessary, although should the Government commit further funds to the BSIP programme beyond the current end date this would reduce the burden slightly. The forthcoming changes to the ENCTS reimbursement arrangements have an unknown impact on the budget surplus available to fund non-commercial services.