

Decision Notice

Decision No:	LD04
Subject:	PURCHASE OF DOVER COMMUNITY BUS
Date of Decision:	9 November 2021
Notification Date:	10 November 2021
Implementation Date:	9 November 2021
Decision taken by:	Councillor Trevor Bartlett, Leader of the Council
Authority:	By virtue of Section 9(E) (2) (a) of the Local Government Act 2000
Decision Type:	Executive Non-Key Decision
Call-In to Apply?	No (<i>Call-in has been suspended by the Chairman of the Council for the reasons set out in paragraph 3.1</i>)
Classification:	Unrestricted - but the accompanying report is Restricted and NOT FOR PUBLICATION by reason that it contains information which is exempt by virtue of the provisions of Paragraph 3 (Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)) of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972

Reason for the Decision: To progress the purchase of a bespoke Community Services access minivan, kitted out for a wide range of community activities to enable all communities to access help, support and information.

- Decision:**
1. That the delivery of the Community Bus project be approved incorporating:
 - a. The capital purchase of the community services access minivan equipped with a variety of digital interfaces;
 - b. The revenue purchases of associated equipment to deliver the project;
 - c. The on-going associated revenue costs to resource and deliver the service.
 2. Accept the grant of £173,000 from Kent County Council's Covid-19 Helping Hands Controlling Outbreak Mitigation Fund to finance the project.
 3. Approve the award of the contract to Multi Vehicle Technology Ltd for the purchase of the bespoke minivan.
 4. The decision-maker is of the opinion that this decision is an urgent one and should not therefore be subject to call-in.
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1. Consideration and Alternatives (*if applicable*)

1.1 See attached report.

2. **Any Conflicts of Interest Declared?**

2.1 None.

3. **Supporting Information** (*as applicable*)

3.1 The Chairman of the Council, Councillor Michael Conolly, has agreed to suspend call-in due to the time-sensitive nature of implementing the project and placing the order for the bespoke vehicle immediately to ensure both guaranteed cost, delivery time at the earliest opportunity and then community delivery to those most adversely affected. In order to meet the timescales associated with the award of the grant it is necessary to expedite the purchase of the bespoke minivan. The funding award is to deliver an immediate response identifying and delivering community-based support for those disproportionately impacted by the pandemic. More importantly, further potential delays if call-in occurred would prejudice the timely delivery of the project which needs to be delivered as soon as possible as part of the Council's response to the continuing pandemic.