

Bus Service Operator Grant 2022/23

SECTION A: BACKGROUND AND CONTACTS

Q1. What is your local transport authority name?

West Berkshire District Council

Q2. Name of the reporting officer:

Emma Jameson

Q3. Contact phone number of the reporting officer:

01635 519306

Q4. Email address of the reporting officer:

emma.jameson@westberks.gov.uk

SECTION B: TENDERED BUS NETWORK

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.

A. Maintaining current tendered services	£137099
B. Increasing level of tendered services	£0
C. Investing in alternative services (e.g. community transport, taxi buses)	£0
D. Investing in supporting bus infrastructure provision	£0
E. Other - Bus	£0
F. Non Bus	£0
Total:	£137099

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)?

No

If yes, please provide details

(Payments were made under contract for the service(s) and the funding just formed a contribution towards this).

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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.

The BSOG is used to help underpin the tendered services 2,3,4,6,8 and 9 operated by Newbury & District and the de minimis contributions made towards the Thames Travel service 143 (and from 2023/24, Newbury & District services 1a/1c/1d). Without the BSOG funding, there would be implications on some/all of these services.

Q9. If you have used BSOG to increase the level of tendered services, please indicate how this has been spent.

If you would like to provide additional information on any of your answers, please do so here:
N/A

Q10. Please provide an estimate of the number of tendered routes supported by BSOG in your LA.

7 (in 2022/23)

SECTION B: TENDERED BUS NETWORK

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

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.

A. Maintaining current tendered services	£692470.56
B. Increasing level of tendered services	£0
C. Investing in alternative services (e.g. community transport, taxi buses)	£0
D. Community transport run under a section 19 permit	£99055.39
E. Network redesign/reconfiguration	£0
F. Bus stops/shelters	£11017.11
G. Bus lanes	£0
H. Real time journey information	£0
I. Other	£273355.77
Total:	<u>£1075898.83</u>

If you selected 'Other' , please give details:

£4,536.40 on IT/systems/technology; £2,044.38 on publicity; £56,725.15 on Newbury Bus Station; £210,049.84 on in-house public transport vehicle purchases.

In addition to the costs above, the Council also incurred expenditure in 2022/23 on operating a number of local bus services in-house. These services are integrated heavily with Adult Social Care, Education and other transport requirements, and as such it is difficult to separate the costs attributable to local bus work from the overall integrated transport expenditure.

West Berkshire Council also incurred expenditure in relation to concessionary fares (primarily for commercial services) and in relation to Bus Services Improvement Plan grant funding in 2022/23 - neither of which are included in the above costings.

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

Yes