

Bus Service Operator Grant 2023/24

SECTION A: BACKGROUND AND CONTACTS

Q1. What is your local transport authority name?

Cheshire West and Chester

Q2. Name of the reporting officer:

Lynne McKie

Q3. Contact phone number of the reporting officer:

01244 973841

Q4. Email address of the reporting officer:

lynne.mckie@cheshirewestandchester.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	£314318
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:	£314318

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

SECTION B: TENDERED BUS NETWORK

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 withdrawal of BSOG would directly impact the local bus budget. The tendered services would be at risk (some may need to be withdrawn or reduced) as the network across the borough is already fragile given the Council budget pressures and the increase in overheads for operators which has considerably increased tender prices also the reductions in concessionary passenger numbers has impacted on commercial viability as they are still only 67% pre covid levels.

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

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Q11. In addition to BSOG did your transport authority spend other financial resources on supporting bus services?

Yes

If yes, please state the amount spent
2,444,278.68

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	£2052959.84
B. Increasing level of tendered services	£21735.64
C. Investing in alternative services (e.g. community transport, taxi buses)	£219673.41
D. Community transport run under a section 19 permit	£0
E. Network redesign/reconfiguration	£0
F. Bus stops/shelters	£87871.06
G. Bus lanes	£0
H. Real time journey information	£34284.09
I. Other	£27754.64
Total:	<u>£2444278.68</u>

If you selected 'Other' , please give details:

All figures do not include salaries

A. Figure includes services funded through S106 and the costs to maintain Chester Park and Ride services. it doesn't include maintenance of sites

B. Figure refers to increased levels of services that started 25 February 2024 which are funded through BSIP

C. Figure refers to itravel DRT service which started 31 July 2023 and is funded through the Rural Mobility Fund

D. This service is operated by the Transport Commissioning team so has not been included above, however this figure can be requested if required.

F. Figure includes new shelter installations/ feeder pillars through capital and cleaning & maintenance of bus stops/shelters but doesn't include Chester Bus Interchange

H. Figure includes maintenance of RTI and back office public transport system (Journeo and Trapeze)

I. Figure includes maintenance of itravelsmart app and printing of timetable information for bus stops/interchanges.

Q13. Did you spend all of your allocated BSOG 2023/24 grant?

Yes