

ACTION TAKEN BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE ON THE GROUNDS OF URGENCY

Committee: Council

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1.0 ISSUE

1.1 To note the action taken by the Chief Executive on the grounds of urgency regarding Community Transport.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 That the action taken by the Chief Executive on grounds of urgency be noted.

3.0 BACKGROUND

3.1 Fenland Action for Community Transport (FACT) have taken over the community transport services of Ely and Soham Dial a Ride (ESDAR). This came into effect on 1 April 2015. FACT have set up a charity, Ely and Soham Action for Community Transport (ESACT), to enable this action.

3.2 In January 2015, Full Council approved the allocation of £15,000 to ESDAR in 2015/16, as a grant to deliver community transport services. ESACT have formally requested £10,000 of this grant to be to enable them to deliver community transport services from 1 April 2015. The grant will be used to contribute toward the cost of insurance for vehicles, diesel and wages for the drivers.

3.3 In order to ensure an uninterrupted service to the public, under part 3 section 4.1 of the Council's constitution, the Chief Executive is proposing to pay ESACT the sum of £10,000.

3.4 In accordance with Part 3(4) paragraph 4.1, of the Constitution, the Chief Executive consulted the Leader of Council prior to the delegated decision. The Chairman of Council and the Leaders of the minority groups were subsequently notified of the delegated action taken.

3.5 In accordance with paragraph 4.1 of the Constitution, the urgent action is being reported to Council for information.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

4.1 An allocation for community transport services has been included in the Council's Budget.

4.2 Equality Impact Assessment (INRA) not required for the purposes of this report.

5.0 APPENDICES

5.1 None.

<u>Background Documents</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact Officer</u>
East Cambridgeshire District Council Constitution: Part 3, Page 4, Paragraph 4.1 Urgent Action Memo dated 2 April 2015	Room 103 The Grange Ely	John Hill Chief Executive (01353) 665555 john.hill@eastcamb.gov.uk