

## MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL

<b>TO:</b> MSDC Cabinet	<b>REPORT NUMBER:</b> MCa/23/33
<b>FROM:</b> Cllr Teresa Davis - Cabinet Member for Thriving Towns and Rural Communities	<b>DATE OF MEETING:</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2023
<b>OFFICER:</b> Fiona Duhamel, Director of Economic Growth and Climate Change	<b>KEY DECISION REF NO.</b> CAB464

### MSDC RINGFENCED FUNDING FOR RURAL TRANSPORT PROVISION – ADDENDUM RE: FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

#### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 Cabinet is asked to agree a change to the previously approved revenue and capital split of this reserve funded project to revenue only. There is no impact to the overall General Fund budget as the approved amount has not changed and is funded from earmarked reserves.

#### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That Cabinet approves £560k of the total £820k earmarked reserve funding previously approved in the 2023/24 budget, be spent on revenue rather than capital.

#### REASON FOR DECISION

Formally documenting the approval for this change in capital/revenue budget split provides a clear audit trail.

#### 3. KEY INFORMATION

- 3.1 In February 2022, a budget amendment put forward by the Green and Liberal Democrat group was agreed ““For scheduled rural community transport utilising zero carbon electric buses, set aside a budget of up to £560,000 capital and £130,000 revenue per year for a two-year period – equating to total £560,000 capital and £260,000 revenue funded from the Growth and Efficiency Fund.”
- 3.2 In October, the Cabinet agreed that this ringfenced funding would now be spent as follows:
- £600,000 to be awarded for new provision via a rural transport grants scheme
  - £170,000 ringfenced to provide the local contribution needed to support a joint bid with SCC to the ZEBRA2 funding opportunity (to try and procure zero-emission buses)
  - £50,000 held back as contingency
- 3.3 Subsequent to the October Cabinet meeting, it has been agreed that the full £820k earmarked in the reserve would be classified as all (100%) revenue spend, and therefore the budget needs to amend to reflect this.
- 3.4 This is being brought back to Cabinet for formal approval of this change to the revenue and capital split.

#### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The General Fund financial implications of the overall spend/project remain the same as the previous Cabinet report on this topic.
- 4.2 This 'addendum' to the previous report/agreement is simply to confirm that the budget now needs to be recorded as a 100% revenue spend rather than a revenue/capital split as it was originally recorded.

#### **5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

As per previous report.

#### **6. RISK MANAGEMENT**

As per previous report.

#### **7. CONSULTATIONS**

As per previous report.

#### **8. EQUALITY ANALYSIS**

As per previous report.

#### **9. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

As per previous report.

#### **10. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

- 10.1 Please find, hyperlinked, the following:

- [The previous cabinet report and minutes from that cabinet meeting \(item 41\)](#)