

<p>Agenda Item: Derbyshire Community Transport Car Club Project Submitted by: D. Townsend Town Clerk</p>
<p>1. Approval: Report for Approval.</p>
<p>2. Purpose of the Report: To provide information on the Derbyshire Community Transport Car Club Project</p>
<p>3. Background Information:</p> <p>3.1 Belper Town Council agreed to support Derbyshire Community Transport with a Service Level Agreement of £3000.00 for 2023/24.</p> <p>3.2 The project to be supported was a 'car club' scheme.</p> <p>3.3 This project is supported by a Motability UK scheme where returned cars go to local providers of car club schemes, and it is hoped that the largest user group will be people with disabling conditions. Derbyshire Community Transport have secured funds for an 18 month pilot which is one of only four in the UK.</p> <p>3.4 There are many variations of the scheme, but in Belper, it is hoped that cars will be parked in the Coppice Car Park. Users will then be able to join the Car Club and will pay a subscription fee (expected to be around £5.00 per month), they will then be able to book a car for their needs (social event, hospital trip etc.), and payment will be based on mileage (costs to be confirmed). Users can either drive the car themselves or ask a friend/neighbour (subject to holding the correct documentation). Derbyshire Community Transport are also hoping to recruit volunteer drivers to assist with any transportation needs. The membership fee will cover all maintenance and insurance costs.</p> <p>3.5 The vehicles that will be available are;</p> <p>a) A wheelchair accessible vehicle (diesel as there are currently no electric available). This will be able to transport a wheelchair user plus three others (possible family use).</p> <p>b) A vehicle that has been adapted with a transfer plate (electric).</p> <p>3.6 Derbyshire Community Transport have asked Belper Town Council if the two vehicles can be parked in the Coppice Car Park adjacent to the EVCPs in spaces that are clearly marked for their use only (the marking will be funded by Derbyshire Community Transport). They would also like to identify a wall (or similar) where two key safes can be located.</p> <p>3.7 The proposed cars will be bought into service at the end of February/beginning of March 2023.</p>
<p>4. Legislation: N/A</p>
<p>5. Accessibility Implications: Both vehicles will have adaptations for those with disabling conditions</p>
<p>6. Climate Emergency Implications: It is hoped that the promotion and use of car club schemes will help in</p>

<p>reducing the need for personal car ownership which will have implications on the climate emergency. In addition, one of the cars to be provided is fully electric.</p>
<p>7. Corporate Plan Implications: This initiative is serving both the objectives; Sustainable and Environment Friendly Belper and Caring Belper contained within the Corporate Plan.</p>
<p>8. Financial Implications: There are no financial implications to the Council.</p>
<p>9. Recommendation: That two spaces be allocated in the Coppice Car Park (adjacent to the EVCPs) and marked as exclusively for use of the two cars available on the Car Club scheme, and that a location for the placement of two key safes be identified.</p>
<p>10. Reasons for recommendation: This is a prestigious project and will benefit residents of Belper who need assistance with transport. The provision of adapted vehicles is a valuable addition to options currently available, and with the continued recruitment of volunteer drivers, this should provide an excellent service, and will expand the options for those with particular transport needs.</p>