

Annex B: Statement of intent form

Section A: Contacts

1. What is your local authority name?

Torbay Council

2. Name and contact details of the reporting officer:

Section B: Funding Requirements

3. What do you intend to use your funding allocation for? Tick as many as applicable.

A. Improve current supported bus services

B. Restore lost bus services

C. Support new bus services or extensions to current bus services

D. Other

If you ticked A, please provide details of how much of, and how, your funding allocation will be used to improve current supported services:

Improve / maintain Torbay Buses service (route No.25), which would reduce in frequency without the current payment of £7,500. Sum to be reduced over future years as / when route becomes more commercially viable.

If you ticked B, please provide details of how much of, and how, your funding allocation will be used to restore lost services:

Possible funding for low level consultation on the return of the No.65 bus route, previously operated by Torbay Community development Trust

If you ticked C, please provide details of how much of, and how, your funding allocation will be used to support new services or extensions to current services:

Stagecoach are consulting on a proposal to withdraw their 18A service in the Brixham / Kingswear area, this funding could help to allow Country Bus to run an increased / extended (route No.15) service to plug the gap. This withdrawal is likely to go ahead.

In the meantime Country Bus have now served notice of their proposals to cancel their 14, 15 and 16 services in Brixham on 31st July.

Talks are ongoing with the Town Council / Local Community to understand their concerns and how we can provide assistance. Possible funding for low level consultation.

It is now our intention to work with the operator and local stakeholders in an effort to redesign the local routes into such a network which is both commercially viable and supports the requirements of the local community.

Figure unknown.

If you ticked D, please provide details of how much of, and how, your funding allocation will be used for other purposes:

- Continued provision of the Fare Car Service – max budget £12,000
- Contribution for the installation of existing 'Ticketer' machines into Torbay Community Development Transport buses.

4. Provide details of the duration you will use the funding for, including whether this applies to all of your responses to Question 3.

All of the responses, apply to the whole year 2020/21.

5. Provide a statement on how your plans will meet the needs of local communities.

This should include:

- how you have considered the needs of local residents;
- how you have consulted local MPs;
- how the views of local residents have influenced your funding decisions (proportionate to the quantum of funding you are to receive); and
- the extent to which your plans meets the aspirations of local MPs.

The provision of the Fare car service is designed to provide a vital link for Torbay residents who have difficulty using conventional transport due to disability, age or mobility restrictions.

It is a private hire car which, like a bus, runs to a fixed schedule with set arrival / departure times at designated locations, such as their nearest shopping locations.

Conversations are being undertaken with local residents / Brixham Town Council (as per item 3C) to understand the needs of local residents regarding the expected loss of the routes run by Country Bus (14, 15 and 16 services) and Stagecoach (18A) this summer.

As this develops, talks may well include input from the local MP.

Did this involve consulting any of the following groups?

- A. Local bus users
- B. Local residents who do not use the bus
- C. Bus operator(s)
- D. All current local MP(s)
- E. Other (Please describe here):

See above for ref to the local community and the local MP for the South Hams (Brixham / Kingswear area)

6. Confirm that you will be publishing information on your website, within one month of receipt of funding, on how your funding allocation will be used.

- Yes
- No

If no, why not?

N/A

Confirm that you will be publishing information on your website as soon as possible after the end of the 2020-21 financial year on how your funding allocation was used.

- Yes
- No

If no, why not?

N/A