

## BUDGET CUT ASSESSMENT FORM

W18

<b>Budget Cut Assessment Form</b> LOCAL MOTION SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT PROMOTION	Ref No W18	Responsible AD	Responsible Finance Manager	Responsible HR Manager	Responsible Lawyer	Responsible EIA Officer
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**Description of Proposal:** Cease Local Motion Marketing, Travel Behaviour and Personalised Travel Planning

The programme aims to reduce the use of private cars for some journeys as part of Highway Authority's traffic management duty and encourage/motivate people to use sustainable transport. This is delivered through a Personalised Travel Planning programme, provision of travel information/options and marketing campaigns targeted at specific groups, and includes working with businesses and job centres, as well as community groups and individuals.

The programme has been delivered for a number of years through grant funding and Darlington is nationally recognised leaders in this type of activity leading to the programmes being delivered in the Tees Valley as part of a joint LSTF funded project and under contract to Durham County Council.

The lack of future grant funding means the requirement to cease the service. The Council will retain a core function of 2 to 3 to provide public transport and sustainable transport statutory requirements. The Council will continue to look to develop funding bids and business cases to fund staff to deliver requirements of workplace travel planning and travel behaviour resulting from planning obligations and new grant funding opportunities that will be cost neutral to the MTFP (ie staff levels above the core function).

**Staff Impact**

2 Posts to be removed

**Other Impacts**

Sustainable Transport Funding Grant has secured over £20million funding in last 10 years and a reduced service will reduce ability to secure more from DfT and TVU LEP moving forward. (£8m capital available over the SEP term).

Transport & Infrastructure Funding is being made available through competitive bidding processes. DBC needs to consider retaining an ability to develop schemes and win 'fair share' of funding.

The Local Motion activities help to reduce traffic congestion, hence reducing the need for additional capital investment in the highway network, improve health outcomes through active travel initiatives and assist developers in managing their parking requirements and enabling those members of the workforce who don't have access to a car to access employment. Accessibility to employment is a key issue particularly when dealing with the issue of worklessness.

Human Resources Impacts		Asset Management Impacts	Decommissioning Costs	Cost Shunting
No. of posts to be deleted	2 permanent 15 as temp contracts expire.	Detail any released buildings/building space Identify disposal or requisition issues	In addition to HR and Asset costs identify any others e.g. early contract termination costs	Is there any known or potential to increase costs elsewhere within Council budgets
No. of potential redundancies	2			
Estimated Redundancy costs	£6,382			

	Financial Summary				
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Estimated reduction to budget	Nil previously grant funded	Nil previously grant funded	Nil previously grant funded	Nil previously grant funded	Nil previously grant funded
Redundancy Costs	0	0	0	0	0
Asset Implication					
Decommissioning Costs					
Known Cost Shunting					
Overheads	0	0	0	0	0
NET Budget Reduction	0	0	0	0	0

**Equality Impact Assessment**

Officers have considered the proposal's relevance to Darlington Borough Council's Public Sector Equality Duty. Councillors should note that an initial equalities impact assessment screening was conducted and determined that this proposal has no or negligible impacts on protected characteristics and therefore a full EIA was not undertaken.