



Department for Transport

Devolved BSOG Grant - Annual Outputs Report 2016

1. SECTION A: BACKGROUND AND CONTACTS

1. What is your local transport authority name? *

North Somerset Council

2. Which geographical region are you in? *

- North East England
- North West England
- Yorkshire and the Humber
- West Midlands
- East Midlands
- East of England
- South East England
- South West England**
- London

3. What type of authority are you? *

- Integrated Transport Authority/Combined Authority
- Metropolitan Borough Council
- Unitary Authority**
- County Council

Other – please specify below if you feel you do not fit into one of the categories given:

4. How would you classify yourself geographically (NTS Area type definitions) ?

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Metropolitan

Urban Large (population over 250,000)

Urban Other (population between 25,000 and 250,000)

Rural (population below 25,000)

Other – please specify below if you feel you do not fit into one of the categories given:

5. Name of the reporting officer: *

Paul Baker

6. Contact phone number of the reporting officer: *

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2. SECTION B: TENDERED BUS NETWORK

"A tendered service is one where a local transport authority has invited tenders for the operation of a service (not e.g. seats on a bus or subsidised tickets), and a contract exists as a result of that tender"

8. What have you used the developed funds for? *

- A. Maintain current tendered services
- B. Increase level of tendered services
- C. Invest in alternative services (e.g. community transport, taxi buses)
- D. Invest in supporting bus infrastructure provision
- E. Other
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Other (please specify):

9. If you ticked C, D or E in Q8, please specify the type of services/infrastructure you have invested in:

- A. Community Transport run under a section 19 permit
- B. Taxi Buses
- C. Network re-design/configuration
- D. Bus stops/shelters
- E. Bus lanes
- F. Bus priority signalling
- G. RTI (Real Time Information)
- H. Funding Kick-start services
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Other (Please specify):

10. If you have observed any direct or indirect impacts as a result of the way in which you have used the devolved funds?

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- A. Cost reductions to the local authority
- B. Successful Kick-starts
- C. Increase in patronage due to investment in infrastructure
- D. The commercial market replacing any lost tendered routes
- E. There have been no observed impacts**
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F. Other (Please describe here):

11. Please provide a short description of whether you took any mitigating action to reduce the impact of the transfer of BSOG on operators? *

At the time of first receiving the devolved BSOG for tendered services, our supported bus service contracts were in their final year. To mitigate the impact of the devolved BSOG on operators we provided additional payments to all contractors. In the following years, the impact of the transfer was reflected in new contract prices. The devolved BSOG therefore forms part of the council's budget for providing supported services. We have managed to maintain services provision but have not managed to increase the level of supported bus services. This reflects the general increase in contract prices as a result of the devolved BSOG.

12. Please specify how much your local transport authority spent on tendered bus services in 2014/15? *

£431,830

13. Please specify how much your local transport authority spent on tendered bus services in 2015/16? *

£543,483 (including additional funds from S106 planning agreements)

