

(SRO name and address)

23rd March 2012

Dear (SRO name)

Better Bus Areas: Grant Award

I am writing to congratulate you on securing funding for your Better Bus Area project.

The formal grant determination is attached. The Department's funding contribution to the project will be paid as resource and capital grant as set out at Annex A of that document and the grant conditions are set out in Annex B of the document.

Funding will be available to you in full by the second week in April to enable you to make swift progress with the project, so that benefits can be realised as soon as possible.

To ensure that we can pay the grant in good time please can you now acknowledge receipt of this letter by email to buses@dft.gsi.gov.uk copied to james.uprichard@dft.gsi.gov.uk.

Your email should provide details of the bank account into which the payment should be made. In order to ensure that the money is paid into the correct account this should be followed up as soon as possible and in any case by 31st March 2012 by a hard copy to the above address providing the same information and signed by the Chief Internal Auditor.

We are keen that we all make the most of this opportunity, learning from each other as the projects are delivered. We are therefore asking you to publish 6 monthly progress reports on your own website.

Should you wish to discuss the contents of this letter, please contact the BBA team on, 020 7944 5379; e-mail: buses@dft.gsi.gov.uk

Yours sincerely,

Anthony Ferguson

Grant Determination for the Better Bus Areas (Revenue and Capital) Fund (No: 31/2012)

The Minister for Transport, Norman Baker ("the Minister of State"), in exercise of the powers conferred by section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003, hereby makes the following determination:-

Citation

1) This determination may be cited as the Better Bus Areas Grant Determination 2012. No: 31/2012.

Purpose of the grant

2) The purpose of the grant is to provide support to local authorities in England towards expenditure lawfully incurred or to be incurred by them.

Determination

3) The Minister for Transport, Norman Baker, determines as the authorities to which grant is to be paid and the amount of grant to be paid, the authorities and the amounts set out in Annex A.

Grant conditions

4) Pursuant to section 31(4) of the Local Government Act 2003, the Minister of State determines that the grant will be paid subject to the conditions in Annex B.

Treasury consent

5) Before making this determination in relation to local authorities in England, the Minister obtained the consent of the Treasury.

Signed by authority of the Minister,

Anthony Ferguson

March 2012

ANNEX A

Successful Bidders for the Better Bus Area Fund

Local Authority	Capital (£s)	Revenue (£s)	Website for Proposal
Bedford	98,620	119,550	http://www.bedford.gov.uk/transport_and_streets/public_transport.aspx
Blackpool	1,032,000	41,000	https://www.blackpool.gov.uk/NR/rdonlyres/5E5E6858-64C0-4440-BDB6-6C3AF4C4A5EA/0/BlackpoolpartnershipBBAFapplicationformfinal.pdf
Bournemouth	2,434,000	1,001,000	http://www.bournemouth.gov.uk/StreetsTransport/TransportPolicyGreenTravel/TransportPolicyGreenTravel.aspx
Bracknell	121,200	178,800	http://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/env-pt-buses.htm
Brighton & Hove	2,100,000	1,380,000	http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/index.cfm?request=c1146323
Bristol	4,079,000	907,000	http://travelplus.org.uk/public-transport/bus/better-bus-area-fund
Cambridgeshire	1,462,000	262,000	http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/strategies/ http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/NR/rdonlyres/1BA212D3-E038-47C5-9E0A-50E2BDBE3AB7/0/CambridgeshireBBAFproposalFINAL.pdf
Derby	1,116,000	1,060,000	http://www.derby.gov.uk/media/derbycitycouncil/contentassets/documents/temporary/DerbyCityCouncil-Better-by-Bus-Feb2012.pdf
Greater Manchester ITA	3,522,000	1,477,000	http://www.tfgm.com/lt3/BBAF.cfm
Hampshire	3,590,760	886,440	http://www3.hants.gov.uk/tfsh/tfsh-meetings-reports-publications.htm
Leicestershire	2,241,800	320,300	www.leics.gov.uk/bbaf The bid document pdf is at http://www.leics.gov.uk/bbaf_bid.pdf
Merseyside ITA	4,184,000	23,000	http://www.letstravelwise.org/files/1854919113_BBAF%20app%20form%20vFinal%20240212.pdf
Milton Keynes	872,000	1,358,000	http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/transport/ http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/transport/documents/MKBBAApplication_240212_Final.pdf

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Norfolk	1,981,200	602,100	http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/Travel_and_transport/Travel_choices/Buses/index.htm
Nottingham	3,080,000	1,828,000	http://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=7602
Slough	1,415,000	0	http://www.slough.gov.uk/services/23994.aspx
South Yorkshire	2,512,000	2,396,000	http://www.sypte.co.uk/uploadedFiles/Corporate/Projects_and_awards/Bid_documents/Better%20Bus%20Bid%20Feb%202012.pdf
Southend on Sea	1,292,000	285,000	http://www.southend.gov.uk/info/200130/better_southend/1348/better_southend-better_bus_area_bba_fund_application/1
Torbay	400,000	114,700	www.torbay.gov.uk/bba
Tyne and Wear ITA	3,889,000	1,083,000	http://www.twita.gov.uk/what-we-do/working-together
West Midlands	3,000,000	2,000,000	http://www.wymetro.com/news/releases/210302BBAF http://www.centro.org.uk/bus/services.aspx
West Yorkshire	2,387,600	2,587,400	http://www.wymetro.com/news/releases/210302BBAF
Wiltshire	354,320	40,000	http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/bbaf_120221_iw_-_application-form.pdf
York	1,765,000	1,160,000	http://www.york.gov.uk/transport/Public_transport/buses/Better_Bus_Area_Fund/
Total	48,929,500	21,110,290	70,039,790

ANNEX B

GRANT CONDITIONS

1. In this Annex “capital grant”, in relation to an authority, means the amount of grant identified as capital grant in relation to the authority in Annex A.
2. Capital grant paid to an authority under this determination may be used only for the purposes that a capital receipt may be used for in accordance with regulations made under section 11 of the Local Government Act 2003.

The Chief Executive and Chief Internal Auditor of each authority which receives capital grant under this grant determination are required to sign and return to the Buses and Taxis Division at the Department for Transport a declaration, to be received no later than 31st March 2014, in the following terms:

“To the best of our knowledge and belief, and having carried out appropriate investigations and checks, in our opinion, in all significant respects, the conditions attached to the Better Bus Areas Grant Determination 2012: No 31/2012 have been complied with”.

3. If an authority fails to comply with any of the requirements of paragraphs 3 and 4, the Minister of State may-
 - a. reduce, suspend or withhold grant; or
 - b. by notification in writing to the authority, require the repayment of the whole or any part of the grant.
4. Any sum notified by the Minister of State under paragraph 5(b) shall immediately become repayable to the Minister.