

Community Transport/Concessionary Fares
update for July 2023 PTRs meeting
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- Improved rural transport package (£800k p/a)
 - Focused on 'non-funded' BSIP services
 - Discussions under way with CT operators and OCC fleet
 - Some competitive tendering will be necessary
 - Preference is for timetabled 'fixed line' services, rather than demand-responsive
 - Aspiration to get services on the road before the end of the calendar year.
- £400k community transport grant scheme (£250k rural, £150k Oxford) under preparation: to be launched shortly.
 - Bids up to £50k for rural schemes
 - Potentially full £150k available for Oxford given limited number of operators and need for 'step change' in provision
 - **Focus on a limited number of schemes to improve connectivity/social mobility in poorly-served areas.**
- Discussions under way with Thame/Wantage town councils regarding potential new Community Transport services.