

South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority
 Officer Scheme of Delegation
 Record of Officer Decision Form

(Regulation 7 of The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014)

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Non key decision – redacted version required with reduced background information – to be published

1	Subject of decision/report title:	ZERO EMISSION (ZEBRA) REVENUE FUNDING
2	Decision Date:	11 DECEMBER 2024
3	Background/reason for decision/purpose of report:	<p>SYMCA has been working with Arup, Swarco and Northern PowerGrid to deliver the pantograph charging infrastructure at RTI. Unfortunately, delays to the implementation of a new substation at the interchange has meant that the pantographs are not yet in operation, and they are unlikely to be in operation until the end of this financial year (current forecast).</p> <p>Rather than reduce service levels and provide a poorer service for customers, including reputational risk for SYMCA, Stagecoach have implemented an inefficient vehicle schedule to allow charging at the depot.</p> <p>Stagecoach have provided details that without the pantograph chargers a number of buses have to be returned to depot. This requires additional staff time as a direct result of the delays to the SYMCA project. This report seeks approval to fund these additional costs.</p> <p>The funding approval required for this revenue cost is £45,850.00 covering the additional costs until 31 August and all the cost through to 01 March 2025. Previous approvals of £17,000 (not part of this paper) take the final total approval value to £61,950.00.</p> <p>Further background information due commercially sensitive information is redacted and included in the Transport Directorate Leadership Team approval papers dated 12 November 2024.</p>
4	Options considered:	<p>4.1 Do nothing (not recommended) – do not fund the additional costs being incurred by Stagecoach as a result of the SYMCA capital project being delayed. This could risk reputational risk with Stagecoach, the DfT, partners and the public if Stagecoach revert to using some diesel buses or reduce services to accommodate the additional charging requirements.</p>

		<p>4.2. Do something (recommended) – fund the additional costs as outlined, noting that further delays to implement the charges could require further funding. This maintains the current service levels and does not cause the impacts outlined in 4.1</p> <p>4.3. Do most (not recommended) – approve a dedicated revenue funding stream to mitigate the impact of capital project delivery on public transport operations.</p>
5	Decision:	<p>Recommendations approved. Total cost of awards is £45,850.00.</p> <p>Previous approvals of £17,000 (not part of this paper) take the final total approval value to £61,950.00</p>
6	Background documents:	Further background information due commercially sensitive information is redacted and included in the Transport Directorate Leadership Team approval papers dated 12 November 2024
7	Type of decision Key/Non-Key:	Non-Key decision
8	Officer making decision: (Director or Statutory Officer)	Melanie Corcoran – Executive Director of Transport
9	Contact details (telephone number or email):	Melanie.corcoran@southyorkshire-ca.gov.uk
10	Does the decision maker have a conflict of interest?	No
11	Consultations (where appropriate):	
	i. If a Key Decision have you consulted Portfolio Lead Member?	n/a
	ii. Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation with relevant officers/heads of service at the local authorities
12	Any Legal, Financial, or Equality Implications considered:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal - Relevant approvals are as per the SYMCA contract procedure rules for supplier direct award: • Bus service subsidy contract awarded in accordance with either the de-minimis or urgency provisions of the Transport Act 1985 and/or EU Regulation 1370/2007, as incorporated into UK law by UK Regulation (EC) No 1370/2007 (Public Service Obligations in Transport) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020. • Financial – within available budget for 2024/25 • Equality - No EIA required as approval is for retention of services or provision of additional services.
13	Have Finance Team confirmed	Yes

	budget availability	Redacted
14	Signature (Stat Officer or Director) and Date:	Signature redacted Melanie Corcoran Executive Director of Transport 11 December 2024

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