

Alan

There are no other amounts specifically for concessionary travel so the difference will be spent on other services, including other subsidised travel that the Council agree.

Kirsty

From: Reid, Alan

Sent: 08 May 2020 14:02

To: Flanagan, Kirsty

Subject: RE: Funding of the Strathclyde Concessionary Travel Scheme [OFFICIAL]

Thanks, Kirsty, That's helpful.

I see the GAE received is a lot more than the contribution made to SPT.

Does the Council pay any other amounts for concessionary travel or does the difference just get spent on other services?

Regards

Alan

Alan Reid

Hi Alan

There was nothing specific within the budget pack for the Concessionary Travel Scheme as the budget was a roll forward from the previous year and therefore was included within the base budget. We would only mention where there was a cost pressure or if there was a significant difference to the previous year's budget.

The annual contribution for 2020-21 is £205,070.69.

Councils officers are usually consulted on the requisition amount and papers explaining any movement in amount are given. The overall requisition from 2019-20 represented no change.

The amount paid is apportioned between 12 authorities based on the 2018 mid-point population for each authority and therefore doesn't reflect the actual journeys made by residents of Argyll and Bute.

We do get GAE for concessionary fares and this amounts to £516,000 for 2020-21.

Hope this is helpful.

Kirsty Flanagan

Interim Executive Director

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From: Reid, Alan  
Sent: 04 May 2020 19:31  
To: Flanagan, Kirsty  
Subject: Funding of the Strathclyde Concessionary Travel Scheme

Dear Kirsty

On behalf of the Cowal Transport Forum, I would be grateful for an explanation on the funding of the Strathclyde Concessionary Travel Scheme.

I can't remember seeing anything in the Council's Budget Pack about funding from the Council to the scheme. Why is this?

I'd be grateful if you could also answer the following questions.

How much will the Council contribute towards the scheme during the current financial year?

Does the Council have any say in determining this amount or do we have to pay the amount requisitioned by the Strathclyde Concessionary Travel Scheme Joint Committee?

Does the amount paid reflect the cost to the scheme of journeys made by residents of Argyll & Bute?

Is the cost of the scheme to the Council reflected in the grant received from the Scottish Government?

Any other information about the scheme finances which you think is relevant would be appreciated.

Thank you

Regards

Alan

Alan Reid  
Councillor for Cowal ward