

17th April 2018

**Request for Information: Ref NCC-030371-17
Bus Services Budget & Cuts**

Thank you for your request for information relating to bus services. I can now let you have the following information in response to the questions you raised.

What is the agreed total budget for supported bus services in the fiscal year 2018/19
£3.96m

What was the total spend for supported bus services in the fiscal year 2017/18?
£3.96m

What was the total spend for supported bus services in the fiscal year 2016/17?
£4.3m

Note: This refers to the Department for Transport's definition of a supported bus service as: "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 etc), and a contract exists as a result of that tender". Please, exclude extra sources of funding such as Section 106/developer funding, Community Infrastructure Levy, local authority staffing and publicity, RTPI expenditure and revenue, the Bus Service Operators Grant (BSOG), Local Education Authority funding for home to school transport, NHS-funded non-emergency patient transport, social services transport, voluntary transport and other central and national government grants or income streams.

How many and which supported routes are likely to have cuts in services in the fiscal year 2018/19 (for example loss of weekend or evening services)? Nil

How many and which supported routes have had cuts in services in the fiscal years 2016/17 and 2017/18 (for example loss of weekend or evening services), listed for each year? Nil

How many and which supported routes are likely to be completely withdrawn in the fiscal year 2018/19? Nil

How many and which supported routes have been completely withdrawn in the fiscal years 2016/17 and 2017/18, listed for each year? Nil

How many and which of the previously supported routes have been taken on commercially? Nil

Our campaign also seeks to promote examples of councils which have protected bus services, sometimes in innovative ways. Please do feel free to share any information you feel is relevant on how your council has protected bus services.

Since 2014 Nottinghamshire has reduced the local bus support budget by 40%, many services have been retained in predominantly rural areas through careful planning, the integration of services provided by our own internal Fleet and the use of Flexible transport alternatives.

We hope this now satisfies your request, and should you have any further enquiries please do not hesitate to contact me directly using the contact details below. In addition and for future reference Nottinghamshire County Council regularly publish previous Freedom of Information Requests and answers on our website, under Disclosure logs, available at the following link:

<http://site.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/thecouncil/democracy/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log/>

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Yours sincerely

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