



NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

AREA COMMITTEE DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPROVAL FORM

1. Committee: **Royston Area Committee**2. Date: **2 Jun 2016**3. Summary of application: **Funding support to assist with running costs of the organisation**Name of organisation: **Royston Community Transport**Sum requested: **£5,000**Total project cost: **£78,000**

Brief details:

Royston Community Transport is seeking funding support from Royston & District Area Committee to assist with running costs of the group for 2016. Funding would assist with staffing costs, office costs, administration and vehicle running costs.

Matched / linked funding: **£73,000**Funder: **Voluntary Income inc donations/ grants**Matched /linked funding : **£0**
or DRR

Funder:

Comments from Development Officer:

Royston Community Transport is a registered charity which has been operating since 1994. This group provides a crucial service, delivering a community transport scheme to Royston and the surrounding villages in North Herts. The group was in receipt of an annual Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for 4 years, which came to an end on 31st March 2016. The group is seeking funding to assist with staffing costs and running costs of Community Transport. The funding request, mirrors the terms of the previous MoU and it must be stressed that the award of grant funding for staffing /running costs is only permitted for one year only under the current grant policy terms. Whilst the group has reserves of £54,000, it should be noted that with annual expenditure of £78,000, these reserves would only allow the group to operate for approximatley 9 months.

The group is seeking £5000, which exceeds the amount that can be recommended by an officer.

The officer recommendation is an award of £1,500.

Amount recommended: **£1,500**