
DIAL-A-RIDE MEMBERS MEETING

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 Members to consider the South East Essex Dial-a-Ride (SEEDAR) review action plan and financing proposals for 2001/2.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 Although the Council has given notice to SEEDAR that it intends to withdraw from the partnership in July 2002 it did agree to remain fully participative in a Service Review and that Member Representatives attend bi-annual Meetings.
- 2.2 Member representatives are Councillors Mrs H L A Glynn and R A Pearson who attended a Meeting on 2 October 2000 at the Civic Centre, Southend-on-Sea. The Minutes of that Meeting are shown at Appendix 1.

3 ACTION PLAN PROGRESS

- 3.1 The Action Plan drawn up in 1999 was reviewed and all actions programmed to take place were on target. A copy of the Action Plan is shown at Appendix 2.

4 FINANCE AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 SEEDAR is administered by Southend-on-Sea Borough Council who provide administrative support and direct resources for the Scheme to operate. The Scheme is also financially supported by Essex County Council.
- 4.2 The partners agreed to introduce a registration fee for the service in April 1999. This was fixed at £5.00. The registration fee was kept at a nominal sum so as not to discourage membership of the Scheme by those vulnerable Members of the community. It provides the administration team with a precise figure for their client base, which numbers 235 for the Rochford District Council area and 1132 overall at 1 October 2000. During the period 1 April 2000 to 30 September 2000 Rochford clients booked 2075 journeys (an outward and return journey counts as two).
- 4.3 A Draft Budget for 2001/2 was circulated at the Meeting which is shown at Appendix 3. The anticipated contribution for Rochford is £32,428 and it is suggested that an appropriate amount be included in the Draft 2001/2 Budget. Rochford's current contribution is £32,000. The proposed increase represents around 1.5%.

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- 4.4 The Member Meeting discussed the registration fee and Dial-a-Ride fare for 2001/2 and there was a general consensus that these ought to remain unchanged at:-

Registration Fee	£5.00
Journey Fare	£1.20

9 RECOMMENDATION

It is proposed that the Sub-Committee **RECOMMENDS**

- (1) That £32,500 be included in the 2001/2 Draft Revenue Budget for the contribution to the Scheme.
- (2) Support be given to the Partnership to retain the Registration Fee at £5.00 and Journey Fare at £1.20. (HRHM)

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Background Papers:

None

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