



Department for Transport

Devolved BSOG Grant - Annual Outputs Report 2020

1. SECTION A: BACKGROUND AND CONTACTS

1. What is your local transport authority name? *

Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council

2. Which geographical region are you in? *

- North East England
- X North West England
- Yorkshire and the Humber
- West Midlands
- East Midlands
- East of England
- South East England
- South West England
- London

3. What type of authority are you? *

- Integrated Transport Authority/Combined Authority
- Metropolitan Borough Council
- X Unitary Authority
- County Council
- Other – please specify below if you feel you do not fit into one of the categories given:

4. How would you classify yourself geographically (NTS Area type definitions) ?

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- Metropolitan
- Urban Large (population over 250,000)
- X Urban Other (population between 25,000 and 250,000)
- Rural (population below 25,000)
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Other – please specify below if you feel you do not fit into one of the categories given:

5. Name of the reporting officer: *

Mike Cliffe, Strategic Transport Manager, Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council

6. Contact phone number of the reporting officer: *

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7. Email address of the reporting officer: *

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2. SECTION B: TENDERED BUS NETWORK

"A tendered service is 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), and a contract exists as a result of that tender"

8. What have you used the developed funds for? *

- X A. Maintain current tendered services
- B. Increase level of tendered services
- X C. Invest in alternative services (e.g. community transport, taxi buses)
- D. Invest in supporting bus infrastructure provision
- E. Other

Other (please specify):

9. If you ticked C, D or E in Q8, please specify the type of services/infrastructure you have invested in:

- X A. Community Transport run under a section 19 permit
- B. Taxi Buses
- C. Network re-design/configuration
- X D. Bus stops/shelters
- E. Bus lanes
- F. Bus priority signalling
- X G. RTI (Real Time Information)
- H. Funding Kick-start services

Other (Please specify):

10. If you have observed any direct or indirect impacts as a result of the way in which you have used the devolved funds?

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- X A. Cost reductions to the local authority
- B. Successful Kick-starts
- C. Increase in patronage due to investment in infrastructure
- D. The commercial market replacing any lost tendered routes
- E. There have been no observed impacts
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F. Other (Please describe here):

11. Please provide a short description of whether you took any mitigating action to reduce the impact of the transfer of BSOG on operators? *

The Council's policy of devolved BSOG continues to be implemented, and the £65,675 of DfT devolved BSOG received in 2019/20 has been spent in the following ways:
£22,488.14: Supporting the Council's subsidised bus network – to Royal Blackburn Hospital in the evenings and on Sundays, plus support for the Darwen and Rural minibus network
£9,744: Welfare Transport and Adults Daycare Services run under section 19 permit
£33,442.86 Public transport co-ordination, investment in bus stop infrastructure and real time bus information system costs

12. Please specify how much your local transport authority spent on tendered bus services in 2018/19? *

£65,800

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£22,488