

# Statement of intent form

## Section A: Contacts

### 1. What is your local authority name?

Tees Valley Combined Authority

### 2. Name and contact details of the reporting officer:

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## Section B: Funding Requirements

### 3. What do you intend to use your funding allocation for? Tick as many as applicable.

- A. Improve current supported bus services
- B. Restore lost bus services
- YES  C. Support new bus services or extensions to current bus services
- YES  D. Other

If you ticked A, please provide details of how much of, and how, your funding allocation will be used to improve current supported services:

N/A

If you ticked B, please provide details of how much of, and how, your funding allocation will be used to restore lost services:

N/A

If you ticked C, please provide details of how much of, and how, your funding allocation will be used to support new services or extensions to current services:

£60,944 will be used to support service extensions from the 1 September 2020. The proposals below all relate to Arriva services and they believe that there is a reasonable chance of the services becoming commercially viable after the initial period of support.

Service X66 (Darlington to Stockton) – the funding would provide an enhancement with two new additional evening journeys in each direction (Mon-Sat) between Darlington, Stockton and Middlesbrough. This would provide a late evening service for residents on the route, where there is currently no service. There is the potential to link into the new Amazon site in Darlington employing circa 1,000 people in the longer term. This will provide an estimated additional 27.9K miles between 1 Sept 2020 and 31 March 2021.

Service 64A (Redcar & Cleveland) – the funding would be used to provide a new extension of the existing service to Norman Conquest (Mon-Sat daytime) serving an additional 3 stops. The area is currently unserved and residents and local politicians have been requesting this service extension. This will provide an estimated additional 5.3K miles between 1 Sept 2020 and 31 March 2021.

Service X4A (Redcar & Cleveland) – the funding would provide two additional evening journeys in each direction (Mon-Sat) between Loftus & Whitby, plus a further additional late evening journey from Loftus to Redcar (Mon-Sat). The service would facilitate access to employment and leisure opportunities and provide connectivity to train services at Redcar and Saltburn Stations. This will provide an estimated additional 13.6K miles between 1 Sept 2020 and 31 March 2021.

Service 29 (Middlesbrough) – the funding would provide three additional evening journeys from Middlesbrough to Nunthorpe and two additional evening journeys from Nunthorpe to Middlesbrough (Mon-Sat). This would offer a late bus service to Saltersgill, Easterside, Marton Manor, Marton and Nunthorpe all of which are currently unserved. This will provide an estimated additional 9K miles between 1 Sept 2020 and 31 March 2021.

If you ticked D, please provide details of how much of, and how, your funding allocation will be used for other purposes:

£146,616 will be allocated to bus operators to support service provision during the COVID-19 period. TVCA has been working very closely with the bus operators to ensure service provision responds to the needs of communities during the COVID-19 period. Operators

have focussed on providing daytime weekday services to ensure adequate provision for people relying on the bus to travel to work or access essential services.

Extensive discussions have been held with the operators and the proposals below seek to maximise the impact from this supported bus funding allocation.

For Stagecoach the funding will be used to support a number of previously established evening services throughout 2020/21 commencing 1 September 2020. These evening services will become increasingly important as lockdown restrictions are eased. The services that would be supported were the most marginal pre Covid-19 post 19:00. The services are:

- Service 12 (Middlesbrough – Hemlington – Coulby Newham) – post 19:00. The 18 daily trips will provide 49,000 service miles.
- Service 52 (Stockton – Billingham – Low Grange) – post 19:00. The 18 daily trips will provide 40,000 service miles.
- Service 58 (Stockton – Hardwick) – post 19:00. The 8 daily trips will provide 16,000 service miles.
- Service 59 (Stockton – Elm Park – North Tees Hospital) – post 19:00. The 9 daily trips will provide 14,000 service miles.
- Service 61 (Stockton – Elton Park) – post 19:00. The 5 daily trips will provide 11,000 service miles.
- Service 13 (Salters Lane – Stockton – Middlesbrough – Tollesby – Hemlington). The funding will support the on-going provision of this service on Sundays, which is an enhancement that has been introduced during the Covid-19 period, until at least the end of the current financial year. The Service 13 will result in 24 additional trips per Sunday to areas otherwise not served, which equates to an additional 15,000 miles in service.
- Service 35 (Stockton – Billingham –Wolviston Court). The funding will support the on-going provision of this service on Sundays, which is an enhancement that has been introduced during the Covid-19 period, until at least the end of the current financial year. The Service 35 will result in 20 additional trips per Sunday to areas of Tees Valley other not served, which equates to an additional 5,000 miles in service

For Arriva the funding will support the restoration of a higher frequency on the following service from the 1 September 2020:

- Service 12 (Darlington) – Restoration of Mon-Sat daytime frequency from every 90 minutes to every 60 minutes between Hurworth and Middleton St George, plus restoration of Mon-Sat daytime frequency from every 90 minutes to every 30 minutes between Hurworth and Darlington. This will provide an estimated additional 45.4K miles between 1 Sept 2020 and 31 March 2021.

There will also be a very small allocation to the smaller operators in Tees Valley to support on-going service provision during COVID-19. Specifically:

- Go North East - to support on-going provision of the X9 & X10 (Middlesbrough to Newcastle)

- Scarlet Band - to support on-going provision of the 84 & 84A (Darlington to Barnard Castle)
- Hodgsons - to support on-going provision of the 29 & 34 (Darlington to Richmond) and 72 (Northallerton to Darlington)
- Paul's Travel - to support on-going provision of the 65 (Elwick to Hartlepool)

#### **4. Provide details of the duration you will use the funding for, including whether this applies to all of your responses to Question 3.**

TVCA proposes to utilise the full allocation of £207,560 and all of the funding will be committed in 2020/21.

#### **5. Provide a statement on how your plans will meet the needs of local communities.**

This should include:

- how you have considered the needs of local residents;
- how you have consulted local MPs;
- how the views of local residents have influenced your funding decisions (proportionate to the quantum of funding you are to receive); and
- the extent to which your plans meets the aspirations of local MPs.

The proposals are entirely consistent with the Tees Valley Strategic Transport Plan outcome to 'deliver and maintain a frequent, high quality, reliable and integrated bus network', which was supported by 84% of respondents to the public consultation undertaken in autumn 2019.

During the COVID-19 period bus operators have collated feedback from key workers on a regular basis and shared on an open basis with TVCA. This intelligence has been used to inform the proposals to support services during the COVID-19 period. There is also an on-going mechanism in place to capture user feedback to help improve the network.

There have been a number of business specific surveys through the Let's Go Tees Valley travel behaviour brand, which has provided intelligence to inform the proposals. For example, the proposals for Darlington will support access to the recently opened Amazon warehouse which employs circa 1,000 people.

A market research exercise was recently undertaken with non-bus users and the findings from this work are underpinning our approach to improving the bus service offer.

There has also been consultation with all MPs that have constituencies within Tees Valley.

Did this involve consulting any of the following groups?

YES  A. Local bus users

YES  B. Local residents who do not use the bus

YES  C. Bus operator(s)

YES  D. All current local MP(s)

E. Other (Please describe here):

**6. Confirm that you will be publishing information on your website, within one month of receipt of funding, on how your funding allocation will be used.**

YES  Yes  
 No

If no, why not?

**7. Confirm that you will be publishing information on your website as soon as possible after the end of the 2020-21 financial year on how your funding allocation was used.**

YES  Yes  
 No

If no, why not?