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**Subject:** FW: Action from Council - Question from Cllr Bennett-Sylvester

Dear Cllr Bennett-Sylvester

The successful bid for electric buses was made by the SYCMA in consultation with Stagecoach as the only operator willing to participate at that time. The Council is not party to the contractual terms of the grant. However we believe that the grant terms will stipulate the operation on the stated routes for a minimum of 5 years as this has been the case with previous grants for bus retrofitting. Since the grant is from central government they must have been satisfied that the bid conformed with rules regarding subsidy and competition. A request has been made to SYMCA for them to respond in greater detail to Councillor Bennett-Sylvester directly.

Kind Regards

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