

**HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL****Executive Decision Record**

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member - Environment
<b>Date:</b>	6 April 2010
<b>Title:</b>	Retendering of local bus services - Alton
<b>Reference:</b>	1099
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Environment

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**1. The following decision was made:**

a) That approval be given to award tenders for new four year bus subsidy contracts for the Alton/East Hants area at a total cost of £602,164 per annum which is affordable within available budget levels and retains a similar level of service to that currently provided whilst achieving a modest saving.

b) That approval be given to award a tender for a new two year contract for Cango services in the Alton area at a cost of £146,000 which retains the current level of service and is affordable within the budget available.

**2. Reason for the decision:**

2.1. The current Alton area bus contracts expire on 5 June 2010. This decision will enable the continued provision of public transport services which give access to employment, education, health, retail and leisure facilities for the community whilst containing expenditure within the budget available.

**3. Other options considered and rejected:**

3.1. Many of the lowest priced tenders received were from operators with smaller vehicles, with less seating capacity than specified in the tenders, which could not accommodate the numbers of passengers noted in the bus passenger user data.

3.2. Some routes are operated on a commercial basis with a number of journeys supported by the County Council, ie School Holidays/Sundays and Public Holidays as well as early or late evening services, which if offered to different operators from those providing the main service could have complicated the service provision to passengers. Therefore, in order to

maintain consistency for the travelling public, the alternative combination by the commercial operator was chosen.

**4. Conflicts of interest:**

4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None.

4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: None.

**5. Dispensation granted by the Standards Committee: none.**

**6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.**

**7. Statement from the Decision Maker:**

<b>Approved by:</b>  ----- <b>Executive Member for Environment Councillor M J Kendal</b>	<b>Date:</b>  <b>6 April 2010</b>
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