

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member - Environment
Date:	9 March 2010
Title:	Retendering of local bus services – New Forest
Reference:	1098
Report From:	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 New Forest area, at a cost of £991,246 per annum, of which £722,632 is attributable to the bus subsidy budget. This will retain the widest travel opportunities within value for money criteria and available budget limits.
- b) That authority be delegated to the Director of Environment to investigate the provision of a community transport alternative or a taxi-share service between Lyndhurst, Burley and Ringwood.

2. Reason for the decision:

- 2.1. The current New Forest area bus contracts expire on 17 April 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 widest section of the community whilst containing expenditure within the budget available.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. The review of services considered a number of options for delivering local services which consisted of varying mixes of local bus, taxi-share, Cango and community transport options. Others, including revising services further in line with existing funding levels, were rejected on the grounds of not achieving value for money nor providing good accessibility.

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:

Approved by:	Date:
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Executive Member for Environment Councillor M J Kendal	