

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Member - Environment
Date:	14 October 2010
Title:	Alton Cango
Reference:	1995
Report From:	Director of Environment

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. The purpose of this paper is to detail the outcomes of tenders for the renewal of a two year Cango contract in the Alton area which provides services in the Froyle/Binstead area as well as services between Alton/Alresford/Basingstoke.
- 1.2. It proposes a plan of action to ensure value for money and seeks to enable the continued provision of this public transport service, which ensures access to employment, education, retail, health and leisure facilities for the widest section of the community, supporting quality of life and well-being and also the continued provision of a school contract.

2. Contextual information

- 2.1. Tenders were invited earlier in the year which also invited prices for the operators providing their own vehicles – at present the County Council supplies dedicated vehicles for the service – or replacement by conventional bus services, but replacement on a similar basis as now was found to offer best value for money and is therefore proposed.
- 2.2. Despite the outcome of the earlier tendering, subject of the decision made on 6 April 2010, the process had to be abandoned due to it being challenged.
- 2.3. Tenders were invited solely for the existing pattern of services which includes a school contract. The tenders have been scored on a 70% price and 30% quality basis.
- 2.4. Four operators submitted tenders for the Cango services although one was disqualified for providing incomplete information.

3. Finance

- 3.1. The current cost of the Alton Cango services is £210,377 per annum. Cango is a gross cost contract and £22,638 per annum is received in fare income. Children's Services contribute a further £32,204 for the Home to School Contract, making a total current cost to the Passenger Transport budget of £155,535.
- 3.2. The highest scoring tender using the formula 70% price and 30% quality retains the current service at a gross cost of £207,317 which is a saving of £3,060 to the Passenger Transport budget.

4. Performance

- 4.1. The proposed tender meets the value for money and quality criteria and provides the same level of service.

5. Other key issues

- 5.1. Renewal of this tender will enable continued provision of services which meet the needs of the community.

6. Consultation

- 6.1. This service was consulted on earlier in the year when the area bus services network went out to consultation. No comments were received.

7. Future direction

- 7.1. The award of this tender represents the best means to meet the public transport travel needs of the local community.

8. Recommendation

- 8.1. That approval be given to award a tender for a new two year contract for Cango services in the Alton area to Steventon Transport, at a cost of £207,317.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**Links to the Corporate Strategy**

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	No
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Maximising well-being:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Enhancing our quality of place:	No
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:		
<u>Title</u> Retendering of Local Bus Services - Alton	<u>Reference</u> 1099	<u>Date</u> 6 April 2010
Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

<u>Document</u>	<u>Location</u>
None	

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equalities Impact Assessment:

- 1.1. The proposal in this report maintains accessibility for the widest section of the community.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

- 2.1. Not applicable.

3. Climate Change:

- a) How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?
- Maintaining journey opportunities by bus will result in fewer journeys being made by private car.
 - Congo bus services only travel to rural communities when people have made a booking, cutting down on unnecessary mileage.
- b) How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?
- This decision will have a significant positive effect on sustainable transport provision.