

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Executive Decision Record**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member – Environment and Transport
Date:	6 March 2012
Title:	Community Transport Contracts and Good Neighbour Support Service Contract
Reference:	3701
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- (a) That the arrangements for procuring and supporting Dial-a-Ride and Call & Go services as summarised in 4.3 of this report be agreed.
- (b) That the arrangements for procuring and supporting the Group Hire Minibus Schemes as summarised in 5.4 of this report be agreed.
- (c) That the contract for the Wheels to Work scheme be extended until 31 March 2013, with appropriate reductions in value and service provision should there be any reduction in contributions from New Forest District Council or Winchester City Council.
- (d) That a new two year single tender contract be awarded to the Good Neighbours Support Service from 1 April 2012 as summarised in 7.2-7.3 of this report.
- (e) That the overall approach to tendering as set out in paragraphs 8.1-8.7 of the report, be agreed in principle and that the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment be given delegated authority to develop the detail in consultation with the Executive Member for Environment and Transport and the district councils before the tenders are issued.
- (f) That the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment be given delegated authority to agree any subsequent variations to the tenders and contracts in consultation with the Executive Member for Environment and Transport

- (g) That a grant of up to £6,500 be awarded to YelaBus for the period 1 April 2012 to 31 March 2013, subject to the satisfactory negotiation of agreed milestones with YelaBus.

2. Reason for the decision:

- 2.1. The award of these contracts and grants will help to improve accessibility by providing people with access to key services including retail. For many people these services offer their only means of travel. The services provided under these contracts and grants help to support the County Council's well being agenda.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. One option would be not to award any contracts and grants for these services. This would leave many people who rely on the current arrangements with no access to a number of services including retail. Not providing financial support to the Group Hire Minibus Schemes would almost certainly affect their longer term viability and their ability to provide affordable transport to community groups and therefore reduce their contribution to community cohesion and the older person's well being agenda. Together this would worsen accessibility in Hampshire.
- 3.2. A further option would be to award contracts at reduced values. This would reduce service levels and could, depending on the funding reduction, significantly reduce the number of journey opportunities which existing users have. Voluntary groups may also find vehicle hire charges unaffordable and this could have an impact on their activities. Together this would worsen accessibility in Hampshire, with missed opportunities to support the well being agenda.

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:

6 March 2012

**Executive Member for Environment and Transport
Councillor M J Kendal**