

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member – Environment and Transport
Date:	24 July 2012
Title:	Procurement Approval: Contract for Owslebury Bus Service to be procured under the Public Bus Dynamic Purchasing System
Reference:	4104
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- (a) That, in accordance with the County Council's Contract Standing Orders and Constitution, approval to procure and spend be given for a contract for public bus services between Winchester and Owslebury. The contract is to be procured under the Public Bus Dynamic Purchasing System.
- (b) The start date of the contract is 3 September 2012 for an initial 4 year term with options to extend for 2 further years in annual increments.
- (c) The anticipated County Council spend over the 4 year term is in the region of £260,000, and £400,000 over the maximum 6 year term with the cost being apportioned between ETE and Children's Services.
- (d) That a ratio of 80% for price and 20% for quality is applied in tender evaluation of the items approved.
- (e) If there are variations to the items approved, then decisions on these will be taken by the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment in consultation with the Executive Member.
- (f) The Director of Economy, Transport and Environment be given delegated authority, in consultation with the Executive Member for Environment and Transport, to award this contract to ensure uninterrupted provision of the service.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. The County Council's Contract Standing Orders (CSO 3) requires that '*The commencement of a procurement process for a Contract is subject to the*

prior approval of the relevant decision maker who has the authority to give such approval under the Constitution. Approval to procure in respect of framework agreements and dynamic purchasing systems and approval to procure and spend in respect of contracts is required by the Executive Member where they have a value, or estimated value, in excess of £1 million, or are less than that but are significant in terms of the local authority's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates. In this case the contracts for which approval is sought have an estimated value which is below £1 million but have a significant impact on budgets and services.

2.2. Action is required to ensure that transport services continue to support access to work, education, retail and health for the widest section of the community, thereby supporting quality of life and well being whilst achieving value for money.

2.3. The current contract for this service was awarded in March 2012 as part of the renewal of bus subsidy contracts in the Winchester area but the successful tenderer has since given notice of termination.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. Withdraw funding from this local bus contract leaving local residents without access to vital local services.

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 Conduct Advisory Panel: None.

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

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by: ----- Executive Member for Environment and Transport Councillor M J Kendal	Date: 24 July 2012
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