

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Executive Decision Record**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member – Environment and Transport
Date:	11 September 2012
Title:	Re-tendering of Romsey, Totton and Waterside Area Bus Services
Reference:	4117
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That approval to award be given for bus subsidy contracts for Romsey, Totton and Waterside. The contracts have been procured under the Public Bus Dynamic Purchasing System.
- 1.2. The start date of the contracts is 4 November 2012 for an initial 4 year term with options to extend for 2 further years in annual increments.
- 1.3. The anticipated County Council spend over the 4 year term is in the order of £2.4 million, and £3.5 million over the maximum 6 year term with the cost being apportioned between the Economy, Transport and Environment Department, Children's Services Wiltshire Council and Totton and Eling Town Council.
- 1.4. That, if there are variations to the items required, then decisions on these will be taken by the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment in consultation with the Executive Member for Environment and Transport.

2. Reason for the decision:

- 2.1 The current Romsey, Totton and Waterside area local bus contracts expire on 3 November 2012. Approval to award tenders will continue to give access to employment, education, health, retail and leisure facilities for the widest section of the community whilst reflecting the current financial environment.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Options for Community Transport solutions have been considered where appropriate, however the volume of passengers recorded on some individual journeys would exceed the capacity of Community Transport alternatives.
- 3.2. Other timetable options, including exploring enhancements to services, were rejected on the grounds of not proving affordable within current budget levels or consistent with the outcomes of the 2011 Bus Subsidy Review.
- 3.3. Withdraw funding from bus contracts 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: 11 September 2012
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