

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Executive Decision Record**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Environment and Transport
Date:	22 January 2013
Title:	Joint Procurement of Host Operator or Processing System (HOPS) for Concessionary Fares
Reference:	4610
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- a) That the County Council enters into a joint procurement process with Southampton City Council and Portsmouth City Council for the award of a contract that will provide an Asset Management System/Host Operating Processing System (AMS/HOPS) for the council.
- b) That Southampton City Council be approved as the lead authority for bringing together the common functions of the system, facilitating the smart ticketing back office and work stream and for procuring the Asset Management System/Host Operating Processing System (AMS/HOPS) and Customer Management System (CMS).
- c) That following the completion of the procurement exercise delegated authority be given to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment, in consultation with the Executive Member for Transport and Environment, to decide whether this should include the future CMS arrangements for the County Council in respect of this service, and if so, the timescale for this.

2. Reason for the decision:

- 2.1. The joint procurement process will provide the County Council with the Asset Management System/Host Operating Processing System (AMS/HOPS) which it needs in order to continue to provide the Hampshire Scheme and fulfil the statutory requirements for operating a Travel Concession Scheme. It will also enable a multi authority smart card to be introduced in the south of Hampshire with the help of funding from the Local Sustainable Transport Fund. The concessions offered by the scheme, which supports the transport needs of older and disabled people, help to support the County Council's well

being agenda. It will also provide the council with the option of utilising the contract, if appropriate, for the Customer Management System (CMS).

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. The County Council could continue to make its own contract arrangements for the Asset Management System/Host Operating Processing System (AMS/HOPS) which supports the Hampshire Concessionary Travel Scheme. However, the council may not achieve the economies of scale which may be available through a larger joint procurement exercise given that the requirements for each local authority in this area are likely to be broadly similar. It would also place any concessions offered through the Hampshire Scheme outside of the Smartcard system being proposed for the south of Hampshire as a result of additional government funding. This may cause problems for bus operators.

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:

Date:

22 January 2013

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