

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Environment and Transport
Date:	5 March 2013
Title:	Community Transport Contract and Grant Awards
Reference:	4763
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- (a) That approval be given to incrementally extend the existing contract for the Wheels to Work scheme up to 31 July 2015 as required, with appropriate reductions in value and service provision should there be any reduction in contributions from the district councils during this period.
- (b) That the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment be given delegated authority to vary the contract and service provision, in consultation with the Executive Member for Environment and Transport, as may be required as a result of any changes to district council funding contributions.
- (c) That approval be given for the County Council to enter into Deeds of Agreement with each of the respective funding partners for each incremental contract extension for the Wheels to Work scheme, up to 31 July 2015
- (d) That a grant of up to £6,500 be awarded to YelaBus for the period 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014, on the basis that the following grant conditions will be met.
 - (i) Provide a 'group hire' minibuses operation under Section 19 Standard Permits, to enable eligible local voluntary and community groups to hire minibuses at affordable rates.
 - (ii) Maintain a pool of volunteer drivers so that minibuses can be provided for hire, complete with a MiDAS-trained driver where requested.

(iii) Ensure that charges made to passengers and vehicle hirers include an element of depreciation so that YelaBus accrues money towards replacing its vehicles.

(iv) Work with the Council's Community Transport Team on community transport matters in Hart to identify the need for and assist in the development of local community transport initiatives.

2. Reason for the decision:

2.2 These decisions will enable the work of Wheels to Work and YelaBus to be maintained for a further period, which will help people to access employment, training and key services. The resulting transport provided will help to support the County Council's well-being agenda.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. Not to extend the Wheels to Work contract or award a grant to YelaBus. Not extending the Wheels to Work contract could leave young people who rely on the current arrangements for moped hire with no access to employment and training. Not providing financial support to YelaBus would result in uncertainty for users and some potential loss of the current service provided by YelaBus until or unless alternative resources were fully in place. This could worsen accessibility in Hampshire, with missed opportunities to support the well-being agenda.

3.2. Provide increased funding, as requested by YelaBus, of up to £11,500 for a further 12 month period, subject to match funding from Yateley Town Council and a satisfactory negotiation of milestones with YelaBus. However, this option would not be consistent with the approach to funding community transport schemes in other areas.

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:

5 March 2013

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

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