

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Executive Decision Record**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Environment and Transport
Date:	5 March 2013
Title:	Procurement of Local Bus Service following Commercial Deregistrations in Fleet Area – Service 71 Fleet, Calthorpe Park and Pondtail
Reference:	4694
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That in accordance with the County Council's Contract Standing Orders and Constitution, approval to procure and spend be given for the provision of a public bus service in the Fleet, Calthorpe Park and Pondtail areas.
- 1.2. That approval be given to procure and spend in respect of a contract up to 6 months duration from April 2013 with an estimated value of up to £60,000 under the Public Bus Dynamic Purchasing System.
- 1.3. That the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment be given delegated authority to agree any variations to the items approved referred to at paragraph 1.2 above, in consultation with the Executive Member for Environment and Transport

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1 The provider of the service 71, Fleet Buzz was taken over by Stagecoach in 2012. Stagecoach is currently reviewing Fleet Buzz services and has announced that the 71 will be withdrawn from 15 April 2013 leaving the areas of Calthorpe Park and Pondtail in Fleet without a bus service. New housing development in Fleet will provide funding for a bus service which will require changes to the bus network. So that these can be properly evaluated and locally consulted and considered by the local Transport Contribution Steering Group, a contract for 6 months is proposed.
- 2.2 A full tender will be issued to comply with current Procurement legislation.
- 2.3 Approval to award the tender 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, however passenger data shows that the number of passengers recorded on individual journeys would exceed the capacity of Community Transport alternatives.
- 3.2. Not providing funding for a bus service would leave local residents in the Calthorpe Park and Pondtail areas of Fleet 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: 5 March 2013
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