

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
Date:	27 October 2014
Title:	Passenger Transport Review & Hampshire Concessionary Travel Scheme 2015/16
Reference:	6029
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

PART 1A RENEGOTIATION OF LOCAL BUS SUBSIDY CONTRACTS

- 1.1. That the Executive Member for Economy, Transport, and Environment notes the outcome of the Passenger Transport Review;
- 1.2. That the strategy for reducing the passenger transport budget be approved;
- 1.3. That approval be given to revise supported services in line with the detailed proposals set out in the report and appendices;
- 1.4. That the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment be given delegated authority to carry out all the necessary steps, including contractual and procurement requirements, to implement the proposed changes to bus subsidies and passenger transport expenditure as set out in this report;
- 1.5. That the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment be given delegated authority, in consultation with the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment, to vary specific proposals provided equivalent overall budget savings are maintained;

PART 1B RETENDERING OF SUBSIDISED LOCAL BUS SERVICES – ALTON AREA

- 1.6. The approval be given to award new bus subsidy contracts, with contracts initially being awarded for four years with an option to extend up to six years duration with a total estimated value of £1,790,808 of which £1,758,726 would be funded by Hampshire County Council, as outlined in the supporting report at page 20 – 24.

PART 1C RETENDERING OF SUBSIDISED LOCAL BUS SERVICES – ANDOVER AREA

- 1.7. The approval be given to award new bus subsidy contracts, with contracts initially being awarded for four years with an option to extend up to six years duration with a total estimated value of £2,982,042 of which £1,582,200 would be funded by Hampshire County Council, as outlined in the supporting report at page 24-29.

PART 1D RETENDERING OF SUBSIDISED LOCAL BUS SERVICES – BASINGSTOKE AREA

- 1.8. The approval be given to award new bus subsidy contracts, with contracts initially being awarded for four years with an option to extend up to six years duration with a total estimated value of £4,038,306 of which £1,649,850 would be funded by Hampshire County Council and the remainder by the identified district councils, as outlined in the supporting report at page 29-33.

PART 1E RETENDERING OF SUBSIDISED LOCAL BUS SERVICES – HAVANT AREA

- 1.9. The approval be given to award new bus subsidy contracts, with contracts initially being awarded for four years with an option to extend up to six years duration with a total estimated value of £3,073,548 of which £1,903,224 would be funded by Hampshire County Council, as outlined in the supporting report at page 34-37.

PART 1F RETENDERING OF SUBSIDISED LOCAL BUS SERVICES – NEW FOREST AREA

- 1.10. The approval be given to award new bus subsidy contracts, with contracts initially being awarded for four years with an option to extend up to six years duration with a total estimated value of £1,833,000 of which £1,797,000 would be funded by Hampshire County Council, as outlined in the supporting report at page 38-43.

PART 1G HAMPSHIRE CONCESSIONARY TRAVEL SCHEME 2015/16

- 1.11. That approval be given to publish the draft Hampshire Concessionary Travel Scheme in December 2014 for implementation from April 2015, as outlined in the supporting report at page 43.
- 1.12 That the Hampshire Concessionary Travel Scheme for 2015/2016 maintains the range of concessions currently provided for those eligible for a disabled person's pass.
- 1.13 That the travel times for holders of older person's passes comes in to line with the statutory scheme, 0930 start Monday to Friday, and that this forms the basis of the draft scheme published on 1 December 2014.

- 1.14 That for locations where there is a departure between 0900 and 0929 currently, and no further departure before 1031, passholders may travel free on the journeys between 0900 and 0929.
- 1.15 That, if any variation to the final scheme from April 2015 is required, the decision on this will be taken by the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment in consultation with the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment.

PART 1H EXTENSION TO CONTRACT, CANGO SERVICE – ANDOVER AREA

- 1.16 That approval be given to exercise the option to extend the contract for the Andover Cango up to the maximum term of six years to expire on 7 October 2017 with a total estimated value of £141,246 which would be fully funded by Hampshire County Council, as outlined in the supporting report at page 46.

PART 1I COMMUNITY TRANSPORT - APPROVAL TO PROCURE AND SPEND – BASINGSTOKE DIAL-A-RIDE AND GROUP HIRE SERVICES APPROVAL TO REVISE THE EASTLEIGH DIAL-A-RIDE BUDGET

- 1.17 That approval be given to procure and spend in respect of the Dial-a-Ride and Group Hire community transport services for the Basingstoke area, with contracts being awarded for up to six years duration with a total estimated value of up to £1.81 million of which up to £1.01million would be funded by Hampshire County Council and the remainder by the identified district council, as outlined in the supporting report at page 47 onward.
- 1.18 That approval be given to revise the funding for Eastleigh Dial-a-Ride to reflect the revised budget available.

2 Reason for the decision:

- 2.1 Reduced funding means that all budgets have been reviewed and the budget available for bus subsidy and other areas of passenger transport support have been included in this. So that provision can best match community priorities, changes in travel patterns and available resources, the strategy for support has been reviewed. Extensive consultation and an Equalities Impact Assessment have been undertaken and discussion with service providers and funding partners has been carried out. A revised pattern of services has been developed to maintain essential access for the widest section of the community whilst reflecting the current financial environment.

3 Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1 Do nothing. This would result in area tenders not being renewed as they come up for renewal. This would then prevent support from reflecting community priorities and would undermine the aim that all communities with a current transport service retain an essential transport link.

- 3.2 Retain existing levels of support for the best used services. This would leave other areas without essential access.
- 3.3 Remove all support; this would be incompatible with the statutory duties of the County Council.

4 Conflicts of interest:

- 4.1 Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker:
- 4.2 Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted:

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:

In reaching this decision, I have taken into account:

- Deputations received from Mrs Pal Hayre, Cllr David Airey (Eastleigh Borough Council) and Cllr Cathy Ossleton (Basingstoke and Dean Borough Council) at my Decision Day. For the two elected Members, I set aside Standing Order 12 to allow them to speak.
- Input at my Decision Day from Hampshire County Councillors Graham Burgess, David Simpson and Chris Wood.
- Comments and recommendations from the Economy, Transport and Environment Select Committee, presented at my Decision Day by the Select Committee Chairman, Cllr Sharyn Wheale.
- Written submissions from Ben Davis, Paul Donald, Justine Henson (Bordon Town Council), Caroline Dinenage MP for Gosport, E. Nash, Sally Broderick and Claire Walters (Bus Users UK).

Approved by:

Date:

27 October 2014

**Executive Member for Economy, Transport and
Environment
Councillor Seán D T Woodward**