

**HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL****Executive Decision Record**

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
<b>Date:</b>	26 November 2015
<b>Title:</b>	Community Transport Grant Award for YelaBus
<b>Reference:</b>	7107
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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**1. The decision:**

- 1.1 That a grant of up to £6,500 be awarded to YelaBus for the period 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016, on the basis that, in addition to the Council's normal conditions of grant, the following grant conditions will also be met:

That YelaBus will:

- (i) Provide a 'group hire' minibus operation under Section 19 Standard Permits to enable eligible local and 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 Minibus Driver Awareness Scheme (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) Provide quarterly activity and financial reports to the Council for the scheme.
- (v) 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.

- 1.2 That YelaBus should be advised that any future decisions on financial support for their scheme will need to be considered within the context of the longer term approach to supporting the Minibus Group Hire Schemes in Hampshire which the council is currently developing.

**2. Reason for the decision:**

2.1. The award of this grant will help to improve accessibility by providing people with access to key services and activities. For many people these services offer a valuable opportunity to travel. The resulting transport provided under this grant will help to support the County Council's well being agenda.

**3. Other options considered and rejected:**

3.1. 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. This option was rejected on the grounds that the financial information provided by the scheme would suggest that the grant award proposed in this report should be sufficient to support the continued operation of the YelaBus scheme for a further year.

**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 Standards Committee: 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 the comments made at my Decision Day by Councillor David Simpson.

<b>Approved by:</b>  ----- <b>Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment</b> <b>Councillor Seán D T Woodward</b>	<b>Date:</b>  <b>26 November 2015</b>
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