

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Executive Decision Record**

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| Decision Maker: | Executive Member for Environment and Transport |
| Date: | 21 March 2016 |
| Title: | Review of Non-Statutory Home to School Transport Services |
| Reference: | 7291 |
| Report From: | Director of Economy, Transport and Environment |

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the findings of the review of non-statutory home to school transport provision are noted, and that approval be given for the withdrawal of subsidies in accordance with the decision of the County Council meeting on 22 October 2015, with effect from the start of the school academic year 2016/17.
- 1.2. That authority be delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment, in consultation with the Executive Member for Environment and Transport, to agree a transfer of funds to the Childrens Services budget to cover any additional cost in providing for students who have a statutory entitlement to home to school transport as of the base figure at the start of the school academic year 2016/17.
- 1.3. That following the outcome of the recent engagement exercise approved by the County Council on 22 October 2015, the Executive Member for Environment and Transport delegates authority to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment to provide technical support on procurement and contracts to schools and parental groups that have expressed an interest in running their own services.
- 1.4. That authority be delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment to liaise with bus operators and any other interested parties to explore potential for retaining services on a commercial basis.

2. Reason for the decision:

- 2.1. The report on the Review of Non-Statutory Home to School Transport Services presented to the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment at his January Decision Day stated that a report would be

presented at the March Decision Day following the review and engagement with schools and parents.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Continue to fund the current level of service. This would be inequitable as transport for most students is only provided in line with statutory criteria, and would be unaffordable in the context of savings agreed by the County Council.
- 3.2. Cease services immediately. This would not allow time for schools or parents to consider new funding or transport arrangements and would mean a possible change of transport part way during a school year.

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:

As the newly appointed Executive Member for Environment and Transport, I have been fully briefed on this item. I acknowledge that it has been pre scrutinised by the Economy, Transport and Environment Select Committee and note the Committee's support for the decision I have reached.

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| Approved by: ----- | Date: 21 March 2016 |
| Executive Member for Environment and Transport Councillor Rob Humby | |