

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Executive Decision Record**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Environment and Transport
Date:	15 September 2016
Title:	Retendering of Public Bus Contracts in Blackwater Valley Area
Reference:	7736
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That approval be given to award the following public bus contracts, under the Public Bus Dynamic Purchasing system, in the Blackwater Valley area to commence on 30 October 2016 for an initial 4 year term, with options to extend for 2 further years in annual increments;

Service 41/42 at £94,720 per annum;
Service 7 at £164,428 per annum;
Service 10/610 at £40,281 per annum; and
Service 18 at £126,708 per annum.

- 1.2. That the public bus contract for the 41/42 service is reviewed after 12 months from the contract start date to assess whether the service is being sufficiently used by the local community.
- 1.3. That the public bus contract for the 7 service is reviewed after 24 months from the contract start date to assess whether the service is being sufficiently used by the local community.
- 1.4. That the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment be authorised to agree variations to the items referred to in paragraph 1.1. above, in consultation with the Executive Member for Environment and Transport

2. Reason for the decision:

- 2.1. The current contracts expire on 29 October 2016. Approval to award contracts will continue to give access to employment, health, retail and leisure facilities for the widest section of the community while reflecting the current financial environment.

2.2. These tender awards represent the best means to meet the local communities' travel needs in the current financial climate. However, the costs of services 41/42 and 7 have significantly increased. It is therefore recommended that usage of these services is reviewed in 12 months for the 41/42 and 24 months for the 7 to assess if these services are being used sufficiently by the local community.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Options for Community Transport solutions have been considered where appropriate. However the volume of passenger numbers recorded on some journeys would exceed the capacity of the Community Transport alternatives.
- 3.2. Other timetable options were rejected on the grounds of not proving affordable within the current budget levels or consistent with the outcomes of the 2014 Passenger Transport Review.
- 3.3. To not award the contracts for services 41/42 and 7 due to the considerable increase in contract prices. It is recommended that passenger usage on these services is reviewed in 12 months for the 41/42 and 24 months for the 7.

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:

Approved by: ----- Executive Member for Environment and Transport Councillor Rob Humby	Date: 15 September 2016
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