

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

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member - Environment
<b>Date:</b>	9 March 2010
<b>Title:</b>	Community Transport Grants – Support to Group Hire Schemes
<b>Reference:</b>	1399
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Environment

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**1. The following decisions were made:**

- a) That a grant of £15,969 be awarded to Winchester Area Community Action to provide interim support to assist in the costs of managing and operating the Winchester Community Transport Scheme to allow the process for negotiating new contracts with all schemes to be completed.
- b) That a grant of £10,079 be awarded to Gosport Voluntary Action to provide interim support to assist in the costs of managing and operating the Gosport Community Transport Scheme to allow the process for negotiating new contracts with all schemes to be completed.

**2. Reason for the decision:**

- 2.1. Maintaining and developing services provided by community transport schemes in Hampshire contribute towards maximising well-being. These decisions will enable the work of the above schemes to be maintained and developed and contribute towards the well-being agenda.

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

3.1 Option 1: Not to award the above grants.

- a) Risk Assessment: Not awarding grants to Winchester Area Community Action and Gosport Voluntary Action could leave these schemes with a shortfall in their finances for this financial year and this may affect the viability of these schemes in the longer term.

3.2 Option 2: Increase Charges to Vehicle Hirers.

a) Risk Assessment: Whilst hire charges to mini-bus hirers could be raised, the impact of this could not be applied retrospectively to the current financial year. This may also make this transport unaffordable for some community groups.

**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:**

<b>Approved by:</b>  ----- <b>Executive Member for Environment Councillor M J Kendal</b>	<b>Date:</b>  <b>9 March 2010</b>
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