

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Environment
<b>Date of Decision:</b>	9 March 2010
<b>Decision Title:</b>	Future Support for YelaBus
<b>Decision Reference:</b>	1397
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Environment

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#### 1. The decision: **(PROPOSED)**

- a) That a grant of £8,625 be awarded to YelaBus for a nine month period from 1 July 2010 to 31 March 2011 subject to the satisfactory negotiation of agreed milestones with YelaBus.
- b) That the Director of Environment be authorised to negotiate and conclude a suitable performance framework with YelaBus for the period of the proposed grant.

#### 2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. This would be consistent with the County Council's current funding strategy for YelaBus and would provide funding for a further nine months to enable the required transition to sustainable funding to continue.
- 2.2. To allow work currently being undertaken by consultants on the future funding arrangements for community transport schemes to be completed, consulted on and implemented.
- 2.3. To provide YelaBus with the financial stability to be able to operate one of the proposed contracts which will replace the existing Hart Call and Go arrangements for a period of up to one year from April 2010.

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

##### 3.1. Option 1: Provide no further funding for YelaBus:

- a) Risk Assessment: There would be uncertainty for users and a potential loss of the current service provided by YelaBus until or unless alternative facilities were fully in place. An alternative operator would

need to be used for one of the proposed Call and Go contracts who would not necessarily have the same presence in the local community as YelaBus to promote and develop the new service.

3.2. Option 2: Provide further funding of up to £11,500, on a tapered basis for a further 12 month period, subject to match funding from Yateley Town Council and satisfactory negotiation of milestones with YelaBus:

a) Risk Assessment: This option may lead to claims of unfairness and demands for similar funding from other community transport schemes.

**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>Date:</b>
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<b>Executive Member for Environment Councillor M J Kendal</b>	