

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member - Environment
<b>Date:</b>	6 April 2010
<b>Title:</b>	Bus Rapid Transit/Voluntary Quality Bus Partnership Agreement
<b>Reference:</b>	1463
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Environment

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

- a) To agree the Heads of Terms of a proposed legally enforceable Voluntary Partnership Agreement with the South Hampshire Bus Operators' Association (SHBOA) for the South Hampshire Bus Rapid Transit project, in accordance with the Local Transport Act 2008.
- b) That authority be delegated to the Director of Environment, in consultation with the Executive Member for Environment, the Head of Legal Services and the County Treasurer to negotiate with SHBOA and conclude the details of the agreement.

#### 2. Reason(s) for the decision:

- 2.1. To enable an agreement to be reached between the County Council and SHBOA that will provide a sound basis for the operation of high quality Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) services.

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

- 3.1. To have no legal agreement in place for the operation of BRT services.
- 3.2. To sign a non-legally binding Voluntary Partnership Agreement with SHBOA for the operation of BRT services.
- 3.3. The County Council to seek to establish a statutory 'Quality Partnership Scheme' for phase 1 of BRT services.
- 3.4. The County Council to seek to establish a 'Quality Contracts' scheme.

**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>6 April 2010</b>
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