

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

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member - Environment
<b>Date:</b>	1 March 2011
<b>Title:</b>	Bus Subsidy Review
<b>Reference:</b>	2694
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Environment

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**1. The decision:**

- a) That the consultation programme and approach contained in this report be approved.
- b) That the method of evaluation contained in this report be approved.

**2. Reason for the decision:**

2.1. Reduced Government funding, including Rural Bus Subsidy Grant, means that the budget available for bus subsidy is reduced. So that provision can best match changing needs, current patterns of use and available resources the strategy for support is being reviewed and will be informed by the Members' Workshops, proposed consultation programme and an Equalities Impact Assessment.

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

- 3.1. Do nothing: would result in area tenders not being renewed as they come up for renewal due to lack of budget. This would unfairly affect those areas.
- 3.2. Retain current support criteria: would not inform how needs could best be met within revised budget
- 3.3. Remove all support: could lead to hardship.

**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:**

**Approved by:**

**Date:**

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**Executive Member for Environment  
Councillor M J Kendal**