

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Executive Decision Record**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
Date:	19 January 2016
Title:	Review of Home to School Transport Contracts
Reference:	7230
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment confirms the approach to consult with schools and parents currently benefiting from non-statutory Home to School Transport provision as agreed by the County Council on 22 October 2015.
- 1.2. That a report will be presented to the Executive Member in March 2016 with recommendations based on the outcome of the review and consultation.

2. Reason for the decision:

- 2.1. The County Council meeting of 22 October 2015 gave authority to “review the current non-statutory Home to School Transport provision funded from the bus subsidy budget”. This was initially identified in the Passenger Transport Review 2014 and forms part of the savings identified by the Economy, Transport and Environment Department for Transformation to 2017.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Continue to fund the current level of service. This would be inequitable as transport for most pupils is only provided in line with statutory criteria, and would be unaffordable in the context of savings targets agreed by the County Council.
- 3.2. Cease services immediately. This would not allow time for schools or parents to consider new funding or transport arrangements and would mean a possible change of transport part way during a school year.

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: Not applicable.

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:

I thank Cllr Jackie Porter for attending my Decision Day and for her comments on this item.

Approved by:	Date:
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Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment Councillor Seán D T Woodward	