

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Executive Decision Record**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member – Environment and Transport
Date:	6 November 2012
Title:	Award of Community Transport Contracts
Reference:	4279
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That contracts be awarded to the operators as set out in paragraphs 4.2 and 4.8 of this report, subject to matching contributions from other funders being confirmed.
- 1.2. That where contributions from other funders are confirmed at a lower level, that the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment be given delegated authority to award contracts with a commensurate reduction in County Council funding, in consultation with the Executive Member for Environment and Transport
- 1.3. That the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment be given delegated authority to award a contract for the Havant Call and Go Service in consultation with the Executive Member for Environment and Transport and subject to contributions from East Hampshire District Council and Havant Borough Council being confirmed.
- 1.4. That approval be given for the County Council to enter into Deeds of Agreement with each of the respective funding partners for the initial contract term and subsequently to cover any contract extensions up to 31 March 2019.

2. Reason for the decisions:

- 2.1. The award of these contracts will help to maintain accessibility in Hampshire and combat social isolation by providing people with access to key services including retail. For many people these services offer their only means of travel for such journeys. The transport services provided under these contracts help to support the County Council's well being agenda.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. The council could choose to award no contracts. This would leave many people who rely on the current arrangements with no access to a number of services including retail. This would significantly worsen accessibility in Hampshire. Alternatively, the council could award contracts on reduced funding levels, although this would result in a disproportionate reduction in service levels. This option would make it much more difficult for people to use the service and access key facilities.

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 Conduct Advisory Panel: none.

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by:

Date:

6 November 2012

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