

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Executive Decision Record**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
Date:	10 December 2013
Title:	Procurement of Bus Service for Church Crookham development - Fleet Area Bus Contract
Reference:	5443
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That approval to procure and spend be given for the provision of a public bus service in the Queens Acre, Fleet, Calthorpe Park, and Pondtail areas, by way of a contract of up to 1 year 10 months duration, with an estimated value of £245,000, all of which will be funded from developer contributions attached to the Queens Acre Development in Church Crookham.
- 1.2. That the above service be reviewed 9 months after its introduction.
- 1.3. That the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment be given delegated authority to agree any variations to the items referred to at paragraph 1.1 above, in consultation with the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment.
- 1.4. That the performance and patronage levels on the proposed bus service be reviewed in September 2014, and any appropriate measures to amend the arrangements be considered.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1 The current service 77 was put in place for an emergency six–nine months cover when the previous commercial service was withdrawn so that discussions could take place with the local Transport Contribution Steering Group and the local Member to understand their requirements for the Queens Acre development and to enable the funding for a local bus service associated with the development to be used appropriately.
- 2.2 A full tender was issued to comply with current Procurement legislation.

2.3 Approval to award the tender will continue to give access to employment, education, health, retail and leisure facilities for the widest section of the community whilst reflecting the current financial environment.

3. Conflicts of interest:

3.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None

3.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: None

4. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: none.

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

6. Statement from the Decision Maker:

6.1. In taking the above decision, Councillor Woodward took account of the comments received after the publication of the report from Church Crookham Parish Council and the Deputy Leader of Hart District Council, Stephen Parker (included as an additional appendix to the report) and from Councillor Wheale.

6.2. In addition, at the invitation of the Executive Member, Councillor John Bennison spoke at the Decision Day. In summary, he highlighted the concerns raised by the parish council and others and advised against the recommendation as the new development had not been sufficiently built out and occupied to make the proposed service viable.

6.3. In response, the Director explained that officers had considered a diversion of the existing 72 route, but at the current time, this was not practical. It was also explained that new service would be reviewed and could be amended or cancelled at any time with 2 months' notice.

6.4. In light of the comments received and the above, Councillor Woodward agreed that the new service be introduced and that it be reviewed 9 months after its start date.

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

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