

**HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Executive Decision Record**

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
<b>Date:</b>	10 December 2013
<b>Title:</b>	Award of Contract for a Bus Service between Hill Head and Fareham - Fareham and Gosport Area Bus Tender Area
<b>Reference:</b>	5413
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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**1. The decision:**

- 1.1. That approval be given to award a contract under the Public Bus Dynamic Purchasing System for a bus service between Hill Head and Fareham to commence on 26 January 2014, for an initial 4 year term with options to extend for 2 further years in annual increments, at an anticipated cost of £370,000 and £480,000 over the maximum 6 year term, with the cost met from the public transport budget.
- 1.2. That, 6 months after it starts, the service be reviewed.
- 1.3. That the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment be given delegated authority to agree any variations to the items approved referred to at paragraph 1.1 above, in consultation with the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment.

**2. Reason for the decision:**

- 2.1. The current Fareham and Gosport area local bus contracts expire on 25 January 2014 and at the same time commercial services on this route will be withdrawn by First. Approval to award contracts will continue to give access to employment, education, health, retail and leisure facilities for the widest section of the community while reflecting the current financial environment.

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

- 3.1. Options for Community Transport solutions have been considered where appropriate, however the volume of passengers recorded on some individual journeys would exceed the capacity of the Community Transport alternatives.

- 3.2. Other timetable options, including exploring enhancements to services, were rejected on the grounds of not proving affordable with current budget levels or consistent with the outcomes of the 2011 Bus Subsidy Review.
- 3.3. Not awarding this tender would leave local residents without access to vital local services.

**4. Conflicts of interest:**

- 4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker:
- 4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted:

**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:**

- 7.1. At the invitation of the Executive Member, Councillors Graham Burgess and Chris Wood addressed the Decision Day. In summary, Councillor Burgess sought assurances that the recommendation offered residents a 90 minute service and that there were in addition commercial bus services serving the area.
- 7.2. Councillor Wood highlighted the concerns of his residents who would be concerned about a reduced service and, in supporting the proposed recommendations, asked what more could be provided.
- 7.3. In response, Councillor Woodward highlighted the level of subsidy the Council was proposing and how this had been welcomed by many residents. Given the level of subsidy, he agreed that the service should be reviewed in 6 months time to assess whether it was being sufficiently used by the local community.

<b>Approved by:</b>  -----	<b>Date:</b>  <b>10 December 2013</b>
<b>Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment</b> <b>Councillor Seán D T Woodward</b>	

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