

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

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
<b>Date:</b>	5 November 2013
<b>Title:</b>	Award of Contracts for Fareham and Gosport Area Bus Services
<b>Reference:</b>	5148
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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**1. The decision:**

- 1.1. That approval be given to issue a tender for a service to provide peak journeys from Hill Head to Fareham, via Peak Lane, Fareham College and the railway station and off-peak journeys from Hill Head to Fareham to additionally serve Lee-on-the-Solent and Newgate Lane (ASDA), using the existing bus subsidy budget. This proposal will replace key elements of the 5A, 6 and 21 services.
- 1.2. That an electronic tender be issued with a 7-day response time allowing implementation from 26 January 2014, to ensure that residents retain a service without interruption.
- 1.3. That approval be given to award contracts under the Public Bus Dynamic Purchasing System for Fareham and Gosport 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 £1.4million and £2.1 million over the maximum 6 year term, with the cost met from the public transport budget.
- 1.4. That a single tender award be made to extend the existing contracts by 3 weeks to 25 January 2014 to meet a request from the successful bidder, and existing contractor, First, to ensure a smooth implementation of the new contracts.
- 1.5. That the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment be authorised to agree any variations to the items referred to above, in consultation with the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment.

**2. Reason for the decision:**

- 2.1 That decisions 1.1 and 1.2 above relate to information from the bus service provider, First, indicating that they proposed to cease not only the 5A but also the 21 service, which would leave Hill Head without a bus service from January 2014. This information was received after the publication of the report.

- 2.2 The current Fareham and Gosport area local bus contracts expire on 4 January 2014. Approval to award tenders 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.
- 2.2 The services to be procured have been designed to meet local needs identified during the consultation and the objectives of the Equalities Impact Assessment for safe and efficient transport systems in Hampshire within the budget available

**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 Community Transport alternatives.
- 3.2. Other timetable options, including exploring enhancements to services, were rejected on the grounds of not proving affordable within current budget levels or consistent with the outcomes of the 2011 Bus Subsidy Review.
- 3.3. Withdraw funding from bus contracts leaving local residents without access to vital local services.

**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:**

7.1. In making the above decision, and in addition to the information set out in the report, the Executive Member noted the written representations received from Mr Whittenham-Gray and Mr Stubbs. At the invitation of the Executive Member, Councillors Cully and Wood spoke and highlighted the need for buses in the area.

<p><b>Approved by:</b></p> <p>-----</p>	<p><b>Date:</b></p> <p><b>5 November 2013</b></p>
<p><b>Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment</b>  <b>Councillor Seán D T Woodward</b></p>	