

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

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
<b>Date:</b>	23 July 2013
<b>Title:</b>	Extension of Local Public Transport Contracts in Alresford, Andover and Burghclere Areas
<b>Reference:</b>	4851
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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**1. The decision:**

- 1.1. That Andover Cango bus contract be extended for a further one year from 10 October 2013. (Contract C119)
- 1.2. That Burghclere conventional services 21, 22, 23, 24 be extended for a further six months from 10 October 2013 (Contract B308) to allow for Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council's review of bus subsidies to take place and to re-tender the service according to available funding.
- 1.3. That the Picket Piece – Andover taxi share be extended a further one year from 10 October 2013. (Contract T248)
- 1.4. That Alresford conventional services 206, 208, 240 operating in the Alton, Alresford, Binsted area be extended for a further six months from 10 October 2013. (Contract A192)

**2. Reasons for the decision:**

- 2.1. On 27 July 2011 the Executive Member approved the award of four Passenger Transport bus contracts: Andover Cango, Burghclere Services 21, 22, 23, 24, Alton-Alresford services 206, 208, 240, and Picket Piece taxi share, were approved for a two year period commencing 10 October 2011 with an option to extend up to a further four years.
- 2.2 Andover Cango has been performing well with a steady patronage. ETE and Children's Services fund this contract between them, as home to school transport journeys are provided as well as general community transport trips.

- 2.3 The extension of the Picket Piece taxi share for an interim period will allow for Picket Twenty developer funded services to expand as more development is built, and this should then replace the current taxi share arrangement.
- 2.4 The Burghclere contract is joint funded by ETE, Children's Services and Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council. The Borough Council is undergoing a funding review of bus services and it is therefore proposed to only extend the current contract for a further six months pending the outcome of the review and any future funding decisions.
- 2.5 Alton area services 206, 208 and 240, which run only 3 days a week, have been less well patronised and it is proposed that these services be retendered with a revised timetable to endeavour to generate more passengers within the existing resources and the six month extension will give time for a comprehensive review of options before this retendering takes place.
- 2.6 At the Decision Day on 27 July 2011 approval was also given for the award of the Alresford – Basingstoke Cango. However the company which won the tender, RJB, subsequently went into receivership and this contract was retendered and awarded to Fleet Buzz from April 2013 following an emergency three month contract with Black Velvet. No further action is needed at this time.

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

- 3.1. Do nothing; would result in areas going without any public bus services.
- 3.2. Retender; this would be likely to generate higher contract costs as well as additional costs in any work required on the Hampshire County Council vehicles used on Andover Cango and the Burghclere 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:**

**Approved by:**

**Date:**

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**23 July 2013**

**Executive Member for Economy, Transport and  
Environment  
Councillor Seán D T Woodward**