

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

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
<b>Date:</b>	21 January 2014
<b>Title:</b>	Procurement of Alton former Cango Bus and extension of existing Burghclere bus service
<b>Reference:</b>	5507
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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**1. The decision:**

- 1.1. That approval to procure and spend be given for a public bus service for the Alton & Alresford Rural area under the Dynamic Purchasing System. The resulting contract will be of up to 1 year duration with an option to extend annually for up to 3 years with an estimated value of £123,000 over four years of which £123,000 relates to Hampshire County Council.
- 1.2 That approval be given to extend the current contract B308 for the Burghclere area bus services 21/22/23/24 for 6 months in order that it can be brought in line and incorporated within renewal of contracts for the Test Valley retendering area with an estimated value of £67,500 over six months of which £33,750 relates to Hampshire County Council.
- 1.3 That the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment be authorised to agree any variations to the items approved referred to at paragraphs 1.1 and 1.2 above, in consultation with the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment.

**2. Reasons for the decision:**

- 2.1 The Alton/Alresford 206/208/240 service was originally run as a Cango service until October 2011 when it was tendered as a conventional bus service for two years and then extended for 6 months until April 2014. The proposed decision allows changes to the pattern of services in response to demand.
- 2.2 The Burghclere 21/22/23/24 service was originally run as a Cango service until October 2011 and was then tendered as a conventional bus service for two years and then extended for 6 months until April 2014. This service is 50% funded by Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council, which is undertaking a budget review of transport support. The extension should allow the outcome of the review and future funding availability to be known, as well as allowing options to be considered as part of the renewal of bus subsidy contracts in the Test Valley.

- 2.3 A full tender was issued to comply with current Procurement legislation.
- 2.4 Approval to award the tender will continue to provide an essential transport link for the local community whilst 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 within 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: 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:**

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