

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member - Environment
Date:	7 September 2010
Title:	Community Transport for East Hampshire
Reference:	2009
Report From:	Director of Environment

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1. The decision:

- a) That the community transport services currently operated by Community Transport for East Hampshire be competitively tendered and that a two year contract be awarded, with possible extension by up to three months.
- b) That the arrangements for the procurement process as set out in Section 3 of the report be agreed.
- c) That expenditure of up to £15,000 be agreed to secure County Council ownership of five vehicles to be used by the new contractor.
- d) That a three month single tender contract be awarded to Community Action Hampshire for the continued operation of the community transport services provided by Community Transport for East Hampshire for the period from 1 October 2010, subject to the agreement of East Hampshire District Council and provision of the required match funding.

2. Reason for the decision:

- 2.1. Maintaining and developing the services provided by Community Transport for East Hampshire (CTEH) contributes towards maximising well-being. Identifying a new operator for the community transport services currently provided by CTEH at the current value for these contracts will enable these services to be maintained and developed and contribute towards the well-being agenda.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. A number of other options have been considered and rejected. One option would be not to contract any of these services. However, not providing any financial support through a contract would leave these services with a significant shortfall in their finances and this would almost certainly result in the majority of the transport currently provided by CTEH being terminated. Without any offer of financial support then interest is highly unlikely from any other potential operators.
- 3.2. The three services currently operated by CTEH could be tendered separately instead of as part of one contract. This may be less attractive to potential new operators and could potentially increase the overall cost to the County Council, as without income from the Call & Go contract the viability of CTEH would be undermined, the contract for CTEH would be less attractive to potential bidders and either overall costs would increase or the level of service would be reduced.
- 3.3. Grant funding was considered and rejected. Where services are being procured, with detailed specifications, as in this case, contracts must be used; grants are not appropriate.

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 Standards Committee: none.

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

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by: ----- Executive Member for Environment Councillor M J Kendal	Date: 7 September 2010
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