

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Officer Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment
Title:	67 Winchester-Petersfield Bus Service

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That approval be given to make a single tender award to the value of £98,100 to the current operator of the Winchester- Petersfield bus service, 67, for a 6 month extension from expiry of the current contract on 2 September 2017 to 2 March 2017, to enable options for a replacement service to be developed, consultation with users to take place and the outcome of the Home to School Transport Review to be known.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. Bus 67 is intrinsic to home to school transport provision in the Meon Valley with scholars accounting for 42.8% of the 76,288 annual passenger journeys.
- 2.2. It had been intended to implement changes to the 67 once September 2017 pupil numbers for Petersfield and Perins schools were known as these are the largest component of the school traffic on the route
- 2.3. In March 2017, a Home to School Transport Board was established by Children's Service Department with Passenger Transport involvement. The Board is looking at all options for HTST provision including school-based minibuses and different approaches to tendering so the extension of 67 will allow continuity of service whilst these proposals are developed.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Introducing a revised service 67 from September before the proposals from the HTST Board were known.

4. Conflicts of interest:

- 4.1. Conflict of interest declared by an Executive Member who is consulted by the officer which relates to the decision: None.

5. Dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service:

5.1 None.

6. Supporting information:

- 6.1. Regulation 72 (5) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 allows for a short term, low value, extension of a contract. The time period should be as short as is possible and the value associated with that extension cannot be (a) more than 10% of the original total contract value (b) cannot exceed £164,000. The modification should not alter the overall nature of the contract
- 6.2. The value of the extension is £98,100 which is 8%.
- 6.3. The net cost to the bus subsidy budget is £70,610 with £27,490 being met by Children's Services Department for HTST costs.
- 6.4. No modification of the overall nature of the existing contract is proposed: it is intended to continue the current timetable and days of operation.

In reaching this decision I have consulted the Executive Member for Environment and Transport.

Approved by:



Stuart Jarvis

Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

Date:

4 August 2017