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Executive Decision Records

Please find set out below a number of Executive Decisions taken at the HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL Executive Lead Member for Universal Services Decision Day & Executive Member for Countryside and Regulatory Services Decision Day held at the Castle, Winchester on Monday 13th March, 2023

1. **PROJECT APPRAISAL: A3057 NURSLING AND ROWNHAMS JUNCTIONS IMPROVEMENTS**
2. **CONCESSIONARY TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT 2023/24 UPDATE**
3. **BUS CONTRACT – BISHOPS WALTHAM/HEDGE END TO EASTLEIGH**
4. **PROPERTY SERVICES ASSET DECISIONS**

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the traffic signals to coordinate the flow of traffic between both A3057 junctions.

2.2 The scheme will alter and improve the junctions to provide better management of traffic through intelligent traffic signal control, enhanced dedicated crossing facilities for pedestrians and cyclists, provision for bus priority, and improved journey time reliability.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1 Do nothing. This option was rejected as it would fail to address the planning obligations for making improvements to the A3057/Redbridge Lane junction.

3.2 Provide a full-size roundabout. This option was discounted as the footprint required to construct the roundabout exceeds the land available for the scheme. The option also requires the costly diversion of a large number of utility services, and would have a notable environmental impact.

3.3 Provide a mini roundabout. This option was discounted as it provided little benefit to traffic, pedestrian and cyclists, requires additional land and a costly diversion of utility services, and would have a notable environmental impact.

4. Conflicts of interest:

4.1 Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker:

4.2 Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted:

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:

I thank the local residents for their contributions and Mr Roy Bishop for his letter of representation, all of which were considered in making my decision today.

Approved by:

Date:

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Nick Adams-King

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13 March 2023

**Executive Lead Member for Universal Services
Councillor Nick Adams-King**

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HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Executive Decision Record**

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Universal Services
Date:	13 March 2023
Title:	Concessionary Travel Reimbursement 2023/24 Update
Report From:	Director of Universal Services

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services approves a revised approach to concessionary fares reimbursement for local bus operators from 1 April 2023 until 31 March 2024, where reimbursement levels are based on the percentage of pre-COVID bus network that operators provide.
- 1.2. That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services approves that up to £1.2 million per annum in 2022/23 and 2023/4 of the expected concessionary fares underspend be ringfenced to be used to support local bus services and related infrastructure in Hampshire.
- 1.3. That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services delegates authority to the Director of Universal Services, in consultation with the Executive Lead Member of Universal Services and the Assistant Director for Legal Services and Monitoring Officer to determine the specific mechanisms through which the ringfenced sums are allocated to support local bus services and related infrastructure in Hampshire, based on the principles outlined in this report.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. It is proposed that the County Council provide a higher level of concessionary fares reimbursement to the operators of bus services in order to support the industry whilst it navigates through an unprecedented period of rising costs, staff shortages and slow patronage growth by concessionary pass holders.
- 2.2. This approach has been the one adopted by the Council for the last two financial years and is recommended by the Department for Transport (DfT).
- 2.3. Ringfencing any underspend further achieves the aims set out in 2.1 as well as helping the Council achieve some of its National Bus Strategy ambitions of patronage growth as set out in its Bus Service Improvement Plan.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. To reimburse operators based on the actual number of passengers travelling. This option has been rejected as it would remove several million pounds from the bus industry in Hampshire which in turn would result in further service reductions.
- 3.2. Not to ringfence any underspend. This option has been rejected as it would not be consistent with the government objectives as set out in the DfT guidance issued in November 2022.
- 3.3. To use any underspend to meet other ongoing cost pressures. This option was rejected because the underspend is not expected to last into future years, with patronage from concessionary pass holders currently growing.

4. Conflicts of interest:

- 4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker:
- 4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted:

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:

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13 March 2023

**Executive Lead Member for Universal Services
Councillor Nick Adams-King**

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Executive Decision Record**

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Universal Services
Date:	13 March 2023
Title:	Bus Contract - Bishops Waltham/Hedge End to Eastleigh
Report From:	Director of Universal Services

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1. The decision:

- 1.1 That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services gives authority to procure, spend and enter into any necessary contractual arrangements in consultation with the Assistant Director for Legal Services and Monitoring Officer for a new contract for the 49 service, as set out in the supporting report, to commence from 3 April 2023 for a period of 4 years, with the option to extend for a further two years, at an annual maximum cost of £153,200.

2. Reason for the decision:

- 2.1. Following Xelabus giving notice on the X9/X10 service between Waltham Chase/Bishops Waltham and Hedge End, residents from these areas currently have no public transport option for getting to Hedge End. Those who are eligible can use Eastleigh Dial-a-Ride, but this does not cater for all. Providing this vital link will allow the community to travel to Hedge End and connect with other commercial bus services to do necessary shopping, banking, and improve access to health, etc.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Not to tender for a replacement bus service. This option was rejected due to the demand for the bus service, as demonstrated by the usage on the existing service, and the budget is currently available to provide this service.
- 3.2. To replace this service with a community transport alternative. Existing usage suggests that demand would exceed the available capacity on a community transport vehicle.

4. Conflicts of interest:

- 4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker:
- 4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted:

- 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:

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13 March 2023

**Executive Lead Member for Universal Services
Councillor Nick Adams-King**

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Executive Decision Record**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Countryside and Regulatory Services
Date:	13 March 2023
Title:	Property Services Asset Decisions
Report From:	Director of Universal Services
(Summary of an Exempt Decision)	

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1. The Decisions:

- 1.1 That the proposed transactions shown in the schedule be approved.
- 1.2 That the Director of Universal Services be authorised to settle the detailed terms and conditions.

2. Reasons for the Decisions:

- 2.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval to a series of proposed transactions which will ensure efficient and effective use of the County Council's property assets.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1 Not Applicable

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:

- 5.1 None

6. Any reasons for the matter being dealt with if urgent:

6.1 Not applicable

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by:

Date:

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Russell Oppenheimer

13 March 2023

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Councillor Russell Oppenheimer
Executive Member for Countryside and Regulatory
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