

# HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Lead Member for Universal Services
<b>Date:</b>	10 July 2023
<b>Title:</b>	Bus Contracts in the New Forest, Romsey and Eastleigh Areas
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Universal Services

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### 1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services gives authority to spend and enter into contractual arrangements (in consultation with the Head of Legal Services) for new contracts for the Eastleigh and Romsey local bus services, as set out in the supporting report, to commence from 31 October 2023 for a period of one year, at a total cost of £306,663, which includes a contribution of £105,971 from the Home to School Transport Budget for Service 634 and in part for Service 35 with, subject to approval by the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services, £140,137 funded through the Local Transport Fund and the remaining £60,555 to be met by the Public Bus budget.
- 1.2. That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services gives authority to spend and enter into contractual arrangements (in consultation with the Head of Legal Services) for a new contract for the 120 Service in the New Forest, as set out in the supporting report, to commence from 1 September 2023 for a period of one year, at a total cost of £66,277, with £52,036 to be met from the Public Bus Budget and the remaining £14,241, subject to approval by the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services, to be funded through the Local Transport Fund.
- 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 for Universal Services, to make minor amendments to the contracts detailed above.

### 2. Reason for the decision:

- 1.4. Approval to award new contracts will continue to give access to employment, education, health, retail, and leisure facilities for the widest section of the community.

### 3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Not awarding these tenders was considered and rejected as it would result in a reduced, or in some cases, no bus service in these areas.

3.2. To award contracts for a longer duration. This option has been rejected due to uncertainty over the longer-term affordability of these contracts.

**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:**

**Date:**

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**10 July 2023**

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