

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services
Date:	24 October 2024
Title:	Public Transport Policy Update – Bus Service Improvement Plan
Report From:	Director of Hampshire 2050

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services notes the progress being made with the delivery of Hampshire's Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) in partnership with Hampshire's bus operators.
- 1.2. That the Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services approves the partnership approach to improving bus services in Hampshire as set out in the Hampshire Bus Service Improvement Plan and rules out bus franchising as a viable option at the present time.
- 1.3. That the Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services approves the 2024 Hampshire BSIP, as appended to this report.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1 The BSIP is a key element of the Hampshire 2050 vision and its successful delivery directly impacts the outcomes we are seeking to achieve related to prosperity, climate change, healthy and strong communities. It is a commitment in Hampshire's Local Transport Plan 4 which aims to: PT1 Place customers at the heart of an affordable, easy to use and efficient low-carbon public transport system; PT2 Provide the infrastructure needed to enable reliable, frequent, fast and connected public transport trips; and PT3 Increase the reach of public transport services.
- 2.2 Hampshire's BSIP is the detailed strategy and funded action plan for investment in schemes and initiatives needed to achieve these aims. This report updates members on progress that is being made, seeks approval and recognition of the good partnership working that is taking place with bus operators and the 2024 BSIP. It also seeks to establish a policy position on the Government's proposals for bus franchising.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1 Without the recognition of Members and others of the progress made to date and agreement of the County Council to continue with the strong partnerships we have developed with bus operators and other stakeholders, funding to deliver the improvements set out in the BSIP will be put at risk, e.g. future rounds of BSIP funding from the Department for Transport (DfT), bus operator investment in zero-emission buses and more frequent services, and Section 106 transport contributions from developers.

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:

Approved by:

Date:

24 October 2024

**Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and
Corporate Services
Councillor Nick Adams-King**