

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Environment and Transport
Date:	11 July 2017
Title:	Retendering of Basingstoke/Alresford Cango Bus Service
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That approval be given to award a tender to replace the C41 public bus service contract under the Public Bus Dynamic Purchasing system in the Basingstoke – Alresford area, to commence on 4 September 2017 and operate until December 2018 to bring it into line with other Basingstoke services which are due to be re-tendered from that date, at a cost of £46,175 over the 15 months duration, to be met from the Bus Subsidy Budget.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. The purpose of this paper is to detail the outcome of a tender for the replacement of the Cango C41 service, Basingstoke – Alresford service following consultation on the provision of alternative destinations and timetable options.
- 2.2. This paper proposes a plan of action to retain an essential transport link for the community, thereby supporting quality of life and well-being.
- 2.3. The proposed tender will offer an alternative timetable for 3 days per week with a service pattern which takes into account the results of engagement with service users and community representatives.
- 2.4. Awarding this tender ensures that a transport link will continue to be provided at a cost of £36,940 per annum from the Bus Subsidy Budget, which delivers value for money and provides savings for the Home to School Transport budget.
- 2.5. The previous C41 Cango service cost £111,295 a year after allowing for fares income of £14,324 which came to the County Council. Of this £40,311 came from the Children's Services Home to School Transport budget for a primary school transport service.
- 2.6. Changes to pupil numbers mean that it will be more economic for the County Council to carry the pupils on another existing school contract. Without the

Home to School Transport income, the cost of an all day Cango service, six days a week, became no longer sustainable.

- 2.7. The C41 service was extended until 3 September 2017 to allow engagement with service users, parish councils and Members so that the proposed timetable best reflects their priorities within a budget that takes into account the loss of the Home to School Transport funding element.
- 2.8. The 3 day a week service pattern follows that already offered in the Alton area and other parts of the County. Respondents were asked which days would suit them best, whether they would prefer Alton as an alternative to Alresford in addition to Basingstoke, and whether they preferred morning, afternoon, or all day options at those destinations. Alton was suggested following an earlier consultation. A total of 82 responses were received. The proposed timetable takes the responses into account.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Not to provide a service would mean that residents would lose an essential transport link which supports quality of life and well-being.
- 3.2. To provide financial funding from the Home to School Budget would not be an efficient use of monies due to the low number of students who would use the school contract which financially supports this bus service.

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. Reasons for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

I thank Preston Candover & Nutley Parish Council for their letter, which I took into consideration in making this decision.

Approved by: ----- Executive Member for Environment and Transport Councillor Rob Humby	Date: 11 July 2017
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