

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Environment and Transport
<b>Date:</b>	11 July 2017
<b>Title:</b>	Bus Rapid Transit/Voluntary Quality Bus Partnership Agreement
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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#### 1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Heads of Terms for a new Voluntary Partnership Agreement be approved for discussion with the South Hampshire Bus Operators' Association (SHBOA) for Phase 1 of the South Hampshire Bus Rapid Transit project between Fareham and Gosport.
- 1.2. That authority be delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment, in consultation with the Executive Member for Environment and Transport, the Head of Legal Services, and the Director of Corporate Resources, to finalise the Heads of Terms in discussion with SHBOA and to enter into legally enforceable partnerships with bus operators based on these terms.

#### 2. Reason for the decision:

- 2.1. The existing five year Partnership Agreement for phase 1 of Bus Rapid Transit is due to expire and a new Partnership Agreement needs to be put in place to guarantee the continued high performance of the system.

#### 3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. To let the existing Partnership Agreement expire and leave no agreement covering the route. This was rejected as this would lead to a deterioration in service, loss of revenue to the County Council through the operator financial contribution, traffic enforcement issues with the busway, and risk to the implementation of future phases of Bus Rapid Transit in the South East Hampshire and Portsmouth areas.
- 3.2. Other options available under the Bus Services Act 2017 include Advanced Quality Partnerships and Enhanced Partnership Plans. These were rejected

as the existing arrangements are delivering significant benefits to public transport in the local area, and a major change to these arrangements would require a fundamental review and major changes to the current agreement.

**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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**11 July 2017**

**Executive Member for Environment and Transport  
Councillor Rob Humby**