

# HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
<b>Date:</b>	10 March 2020
<b>Title:</b>	Local Bus Contracts in Andover and 95/96 Service in Winchester and 49 Service in the New Forest.
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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### 1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment approves the award of new contracts for the Andover Villages, 5, 7/7A and 49 local bus services, as set out in the supporting report, to commence from 6 April 2020 for a period of four years with an option to extend in annual increments until 5 April 2026 at an annual cost of £180,370 to be met from the Public Bus Budget.
- 1.2. That the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment approves the award of new contracts for the 9,10,11,12,13,15,16, and 17 services, as set out in the supporting report, to commence from 6 April 2020 for a period of two years with an option to extend in annual increments until 5 April 2026 at an annual cost of £286,706 to be met from the Developers Contributions set aside for local bus services in the Andover area.
- 1.3. That the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment approves the decision to cease the subsidy provided to the Andover Town 14 service from 6 April 2020 as the service duplicates commercial provision.
- 1.4. That the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment approves the award of a contract to replace the 95/96 local bus service, as detailed in the supporting report, to commence on 27 July 2020 for a period of 4 years at an annual cost of up to £16,390 to be met from the Public Bus Budget.
- 1.5. That the Executive Member of Economy, Transport and Environment approves the award of a new contract for the 49 service to commence from 6 April 2020 for a period of 4 years with an option to extend in annual increments until 5 April 2026 at an annual cost of £7,241 to be met from the Public Bus Budget, with a contribution made from Wiltshire County Council.

### 2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. To ensure continuity of service, the contract awards detailed above will replace a number of short term contracts put in place for the provision of four local bus services in the Andover area (14,15,16 & 17) and to cover the 95/96 in Winchester and the 49 in the New Forest.

- 2.2. To allow for maximum contract efficiencies to be gained, the other local bus services within the Andover area have also been competitively tendered.
- 2.3. 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. Maintaining the current pattern of bus service provision for the services funded through Developers Contributions. This was rejected because the funds will not permit the maintenance of such a service for a reasonable period.
- 3.2. Other timetable options, including exploring enhancements to services, were rejected on the grounds of not proving affordable with current budget levels or consistent with the outcomes of the 2018 Passenger Transport Review.
- 3.3. 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.
- 3.4. Reducing the frequency of the timetables for all tendered services. This was rejected as it is the County Council's view that this would undermine the viability of these services.
- 3.5. Options for Community Transport alternatives (including Taxishares) have been considered where appropriate. However, the volume of passengers recorded on some individual journeys would exceed the capacity of such solutions.
- 3.6. Continuing the subsidy for the 14 service. This was rejected as every bus stop served by the 14 service is also served by Stagecoach's commercial 6 service therefore it is not considered value for money to continue funding this service.

**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 March 2020**

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