

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
Date:	10 March 2020
Title:	Allocation of Local Bus Subsidy Support
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

Contact name: Andrew Wilson

Tel: 01962 846984

Email: andrew.wilson@hants.gov.uk

1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Executive Member for Economy, Transport, and Environment approves the submission of a completed Statement of Intent form to the Department for Transport in order to secure a one-off payment from Government of £709,912 in 2020/21 to support local bus services, and that authority is delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport, and Environment to finalise the submission based on the approach set out in the supporting report, including the use of a “challenge fund” to determine how the funding award could be most effectively spent in accordance with the proposed approach.
- 1.2. That authority is delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport, and Environment, in consultation with the Executive Member for Economy, Transport, and Environment to engage with operators, and invite and assess bids to the proposed “challenge fund”.
- 1.3. That authority is delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport, and Environment to make the detailed contractual, spending, and operational decisions and arrangements necessary to meet the terms of the funding award and deliver associated support to local bus services arising from the proposed “challenge fund”, as set out in the supporting report.

2. Reason for the decision:

- 2.1. Approval of the recommendations in this report will facilitate an additional Government one-off payment of £709,912 being made to the County Council for local bus service support. This funding will enable the County Council to procure additional bus services, improving access to employment, education and healthcare.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Not to apply for this funding would have been a missed opportunity to enhance Hampshire’s bus network.

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:

10 March 2020

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