

# HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
<b>Date:</b>	2 July 2020
<b>Title:</b>	Wheels to Work Loan Scheme
<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 gives authority to procure and spend up to the value of £2,075,000 (for the maximum six year period), of which £405,000 will be funded from Hampshire County Council's Community Transport Budget and £175,000 will be funded from Hampshire County Council's vehicle replacement reserve along with contributions from district councils and other potential funding sources. Any spend will be conditional on the relevant funding being confirmed.
- 1.2. That the Executive Member for Economy Transport and Environment gives authority to enter into the necessary contractual arrangements (in consultation with the Head of Legal Services) for the Wheels to Work Loan Scheme identified in the supporting report, to commence on 1 April 2021 for an initial period of 2 years, with the option to extend for up to a further four years, subject where appropriate to the agreement of other funders where they also contribute towards this service, and the availability of the County Council's own financial resources. Any spend will be dependent on the relevant funding being available.
- 1.3. That the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment approves the approach that a reduction or removal of funding from a partner authority would be matched by an equal reduction in the number of mopeds available in the relevant local authority area and that Hampshire County Council would review its funding of the scheme in that area.
- 1.4. That the County Council will provide the Contractor with the mopeds required to operate the service with ownership being assigned to the Contractor for the duration of the Contract and that at the end of the Contract mopeds will be returned and ownership of these reassigned to the Council.
- 1.5. That the overall approach to tendering, as set out in the supporting report, is agreed in principle, and that the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment is given delegated authority to finalise the detail, including the

price to quality ratio in consultation with the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment.

- 1.6. That the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment delegates authority to the Director of Economy Transport and Environment, in consultation with the Head of Legal Services, to enter into contractual arrangements for the receipt by the County Council of funding where appropriate with any respective funding partners for the initial contract term, and subsequently to cover any contract extensions as outlined in the supporting report.

## **2. Reason for the decision:**

- 2.1. The proposed procurement process and subsequent contract award will enable the continued operation of the Wheels to Work Loan Scheme which predominately provides young people with the opportunity to access employment and training opportunities in Hampshire. It will also offer the scope for the scheme to be expanded both in terms of the coverage and the services provided. The scheme will contribute to the strategic objectives of the County Council by helping young people to live safe, healthy and independent lives.

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

- 3.1. Option 1: To not undertake the proposed tendering exercise and award a contract for the Wheels to Work Loan Scheme. This would result in some younger people not being able to access employment and training opportunities.
- 3.2. Option 2: Tender the Wheels to Work Loan Scheme with a reduced sum of funding than currently made available to operate the service. This would result in fewer younger people being able to access employment and training opportunities and increase the individual user support costs.
- 3.3. Option 3: Extend the Wheels to Work Loan Scheme to other areas in Hampshire where the service does not currently operate. Whilst this will not happen at the initial contract award stage the procurement process will provide the scope to extend the service to other areas as the necessary financial resources are identified.

## **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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**2 July 2020**

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