

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Executive Decision Record**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Environment and Transport
Date:	19 September 2017
Title:	Hythe Ferry Subsidy
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

1.1. That the Executive Member for Environment and Transport gives approval for an annual subsidy payment of £75,000.00 to Blue Funnel Ferries Ltd towards the operation of the passenger ferry service between Hythe in Hampshire and Southampton, for the period 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018, with the option to extend for one year for the period 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019, to be met from the public transport budget.

2. Reason for the decision:

2.1. The agreement of the subsidy will enable the continuation of a valuable transport link and support the new operator in developing the future potential of the service.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. Not reinstating the subsidy. This was rejected as this would put the future of the service at risk.

3.2. Providing a smaller amount of subsidy. This was rejected as this would undermine the development of the service for the future.

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. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by:

Date:

19 September 2017

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