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## Executive Decision Records

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# Item 8

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Environment and Transport
<b>Date:</b>	25 September 2018
<b>Title:</b>	Community Transport Contracts
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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#### 1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Executive Member for Environment and Transport gives authority to procure and spend up to the value of £6.24 million (for the maximum six year period), of which £3.6 million will be funded from Hampshire County Council resources, and to make the necessary contractual arrangements for the community transport services identified in Appendix 1 of the supporting report, to commence on 1 April 2019 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 these services, and the availability of the County Council's own financial resources.
- 1.2. That the Executive Member for Environment and Transport authorises the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment to use funds from the vehicle replacement reserve up to the value of £1.88 million for vehicle replacement in accordance with the current Community Transport Operating Model.
- 1.3. That the overall approach to tendering, as set out in Section 6 of the supporting report, is agreed in principle, and that the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment is given delegated authority to finalise the detail in consultation with the Executive Member for Environment and Transport.
- 1.4. That approval is given for the County Council to enter into Deeds of Agreement for funding with each of the respective funding partners for the initial contract terms, and subsequently to cover any contract extensions as outlined in the supporting report.
- 1.5. That the overall approach to reviewing fares is agreed in principle as set out in the supporting report, and that authority is delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment to develop future fares arrangements in consultation with the Executive Member for Environment and Transport.
- 1.6. That the County Council accepts bids from Section 19 Transport Act 1985 permit operators ("Section 19 Permit Operators") who can demonstrate that they have a main occupation other than that of being a road transport

provider, and that should the final licensing approach by the Department for Transport on the use of Section 19 Permits identify that an alternative method of operation is necessary, contract operators will be required to convert to this within an agreed timescale.

**2. Reason for the decision:**

- 2.1 The award of these contracts will help to improve accessibility by providing people with access to key services including retail. For many people these services offer an important means of travel. The transport services provided under these contracts help to support the County Council's aim of enabling people to live safe, healthy and independent lives.

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

- 3.1. One option would be not to award any contracts for these services. This would leave users of Dial-a-Ride, Call and Go, and Shopper services who rely on the current service arrangements with reduced access to key services including retail. Not providing financial support to these services could affect the longer term viability of Minibus Group Hire Schemes, affecting their ability to provide affordable transport to community groups. Together this would worsen accessibility in Hampshire for the vulnerable client groups which currently benefit from these services. It would also not be compatible with the commitment which the County Council has already made to protect core funding for community transport services.
- 3.2. A further option would be to award contracts at reduced values. This would reduce service levels and could, depending on the funding reduction, significantly reduce the number of journey opportunities which existing users have. Voluntary groups may also find vehicle hire charges unaffordable and this could have an impact on their activities. Together this would worsen accessibility in Hampshire with missed opportunities to support the council's aim of enabling people to live safe, healthy, and independent lives. Again, this would not be compatible with the commitment which the County Council has already made to protect core funding for community transport services.

**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:**

I thank John Ellis from Yelabus attending to speak at my Decision Day, and will take into account the concerns raised by Yelabus and Cllr David Simpson in finalising contractual arrangements going forward. I am pleased note that there will also now be some further discussion with Mr Ellis before the tender documents are finalised.

**Approved by:**

**Date:**

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**25 September 2018**

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

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# Item 9

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Environment and Transport
<b>Date:</b>	25 September 2018
<b>Title:</b>	Highways Permit 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 Environment and Transport notes the response to the consultation with utility companies and other key stakeholders, and approves the amended Permit Scheme, as attached to the supporting report, for adoption as the Hampshire County Permit Scheme in place of the existing Noticing System for managing street works in Hampshire from 1 April 2019.
- 1.2. That the Executive Member for Environment and Transport gives authority for a local Order to be made, in consultation with the Head of Legal Services, using powers conferred by Section 33A of the Traffic Management Act 2004 (amended), in order to bring the proposed Highways Permit Scheme into force.
- 1.3. That authority is delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport, and Environment to make minor amendments and updates to the Hampshire County Permit Scheme as necessary prior to the making of the Order, and in consultation with the Executive Member for Environment and Transport, in order to finalise any details or matters of presentation.

#### 2. Reason for the decision:

2.1. The introduction of a Permit Scheme to replace the current Noticing System will bring benefits to road users in Hampshire through reduced congestion and adverse impacts on the highways asset as a result of more actively coordinated highways works. The Scheme is being designed with the following outcomes in mind:

- To proactively manage the local highway network to maximise the efficient use of road space;
- To improve the quality of works information and quality and compliance with relevant legislation, specifications and Codes of Practice;
- To improve the reliability and accuracy of activity information to the public;

- To protect the right of the public to use the highway in a lawful manner;
- To protect the structure of the street and any apparatus within it;
- To ensure parity of treatment for all activity promoters; and
- To manage road works and street works to support public transport reliability.

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

3.1. It would be possible to retain the existing Noticing System for managing street works in Hampshire. This option is rejected as the current system does not provide the desired standard of performance and is less resilient. This option is also rejected on the basis that Government policy in respect of managing street works favours Permit Schemes, and retaining the existing Noticing System would make it more difficult for the County Council to implement Government regulation and take advantage of additional powers to manage street works. The Secretary of State for Transport has written to Hampshire County Council asking that it consider introducing a permit scheme by 31 March 2019, stating that the Government believes that operating a street works permit scheme is a far more effective way of proactively managing street and road works on the local road networks than operating under the older, more passive street works noticing system.

**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:**

<b>Approved by:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
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<b>Executive Member for Environment and Transport Councillor Rob Humby</b>	



# Item 10

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Environment and Transport
<b>Date:</b>	25 September 2018
<b>Title:</b>	Refurbishment of A35 Redbridge Causeway
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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#### 1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Executive Member for Environment and Transport gives authority to utilise existing contractual arrangements with the Hampshire Highways Service Contract (HHSC) supplier, Skanska, to implement the proposed major refurbishment works to the A35 Redbridge Causeway structures once the necessary consents have been received and funding is in place, as set out in the supporting report.
- 1.2. That approval is given for the project appraisal for work package 2 (Redbridge Viaduct and Redbridge Road).

#### 2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. Authority is sought for the proposed way forward for the major refurbishment of the four Redbridge Causeway structures, which, subject to the availability of funding, will entail considerable expenditure, albeit within existing contract arrangements and approvals.
- 2.2. Approval of this recommendation will allow work to progress to ensure the Redbridge Causeway remains in unrestricted use, supporting the economic development in the locality.
- 2.3 This is essential maintenance work of a high priority. Approval is sought now for a project appraisal for Work Package 2, to enable work on site to proceed next summer.

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

- 3.1. Use of the existing GEN 3-3 Framework has been explored but rejected due to the fact that early contractor involvement is required and Skanska have previously been engaged, successfully completing bridge joint replacement work on the Redbridge Viaduct. As such, they already have a full understanding of the major restrictions in the locality and are able to meet the tight timescales.

3.2. Delaying work on Work Package 2 will lead to implementation of gradually increasing weight restrictions and/or lane closures, which will affect movement of vehicular traffic in the locality, particularly Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs).

**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:**

<b>Approved by:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
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<b>Executive Member for Environment and Transport Councillor Rob Humby</b>	

# Item 11

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Environment and Transport
<b>Date:</b>	25 September 2018
<b>Title:</b>	Road Agreement Process
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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#### **1. The decision:**

- 1.1 That the Executive Member for Environment and Transport approves the proposed approach to the development of a new policy covering the adoption of new residential estate roads (Appendix 1 of the supporting report), and authorises engagement with stakeholders as the next stage of policy development.

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

- 2.1 The County Council wishes to establish a clear policy in relation to the dedication and adoption of estate roads, and on the application of the Advance Payment Code (APC), regardless of whether or not the road will be offered up for adoption.
- 2.2 This is to establish a common understanding among all parties of the County Council's policy and to set out the reasons for the status of estate roads, whether adopted or otherwise.

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

- 3.1 The alternative option that has been rejected is to continue to communicate policies and changes ad-hoc, via publication of discreet documents and/or communication at industry events.
- 3.2 This was rejected as it does not establish the level of clarity that is required to achieve the above aims.

#### **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:**

I thank Cllr Jackie Porter for attending my Decision Day and speaking in support of the report and the direction of policy development in this area.

**Approved by:**

**Date:**

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**25 September 2018**

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