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Executive Decision Records

Please find set out below a number of Executive Decisions taken at the HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL Executive Lead Member for Universal Services Decision Day & Executive Member for Countryside and Regulatory Services Decision Day held at the Castle, Winchester on Monday, 15th May, 2023

1. **BUS CONTRACTS FOR ALTON AND WINCHESTER AREAS**
2. **VARIATION TO TIMESCALE FOR SP23 BUS SAVINGS**
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HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Universal Services
Date:	15 May 2023
Title:	Bus Contracts for Alton and Winchester Areas
Report From:	Director of Universal Services

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1. The decision:

- 1.1 That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services gives authority to spend and enter into contractual arrangements (in consultation with the Head of Legal Services) for new contracts for the Alton and Winchester local bus services, as set out in the supporting report, to commence from 1 August 2023 for a period of four years with an option to extend in annual increments until September 2029 at an annual cost of £461,021, and total maximum cost of £3,557,059, to be met from the Public Bus Budget with a £53,795 contribution from the Home to School Transport Budget for service 67.
- 1.2 That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services approves the mechanism set out within the supporting report to bring contract values down into budgeted levels including conducting a full review of usage on the proposed services and potentially recommending changes to service levels to reduce cost. The Executive Lead Member for Universal Services also notes that this will result in a further report being brought for consideration setting out any recommended changes in full.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. 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.
- 2.2. In the case of the 67, this service is intrinsic to the Home to School Transport provision in the Meon Valley.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Other timetable options, including exploring enhancements to services, were rejected on the grounds of not proving affordable with current budget levels.
- 3.2. 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.

3.3. Reducing the frequency of the timetables for all tendered services. This was rejected as it is the County Council's ambition to retain these services as far as is affordable.

3.4. 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.

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:

15 May 2023

**Executive Lead Member for Universal Services
Councillor Nick Adams-King**

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Universal Services
Date:	15 May 2023
Title:	Variation to Timescale for SP23 Bus Savings
Report From:	Director of Universal Services

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1. The decision:

- 1.1 That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services notes the updated implementation timescale for the savings proposals for the New Forest Cango and Andover Villages services and approves that these changes be implemented by September 2023 rather than by April 2023.
- 1.2 That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services delegates authority to the Director of Universal Services to enter into any contractual arrangements to enable the detailed arrangements for this course of action to be implemented, in consultation with the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services, and to make minor variations to the timescales or subsidy arrangements on specific passenger transport services provided overall budget savings are maintained and changes are consistent with the approach set out in this report.
- 1.3 That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services approves that any budgetary pressure caused by the recommendation above, is funded through the one-off Local Transport Fund grant issued by the Department for Transport up to a value of £32,376.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1 Following extensive engagement with stakeholders, more time is required to ensure that the best possible solution is identified with the revised budget available.
- 2.2 Stakeholders have indicated that they may be willing to financially contribute towards a service and more time is needed to explore the viability of this option.

3 Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1 Implement the existing proposals for making savings against the two services set out in 1.1. This option has been rejected to ensure that communities see the best possible service within the budget available.

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:

**Executive Lead Member for Universal Services
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15 May 2023

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Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Universal Services
Date:	15 May 2023
Title:	Project Appraisal Update: Southampton and South-West Hampshire Transforming Cities Fund (TCF) Eastleigh Town Centre Cycles
Report From:	Director of Universal Services

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services approves an increase in the 2020/21 capital programme value of the Southampton and South-West Hampshire Transforming Cities Fund (TCF) Eastleigh Town Centre Cycles scheme from £914,000 to £1,563,000, to be funded from Department for Transport's (DfT's) Transforming Cities Fund (TCF), Local Transport Plan (LTP) and Section 106 contributions.
- 1.2 That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services approves the Updated Project Appraisal for Transforming Cities Fund Eastleigh Town Centre Cycles scheme, as outlined in the accompanying report.
- 1.3 That approval be given to procure, spend and enter into necessary contractual arrangements, in consultation with the Head of Legal Services, to implement the proposed scheme to make cycle improvements in Eastleigh in line with the revised budget, to be funded from Department for Transport's (DfT's) Transforming Cities Fund (TCF), Local Transport Plan (LTP) and Section 106 contributions up to £148,000.
- 1.4 That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services delegates authority to the Director of Universal Services, in consultation with the Head of Legal Services, to progress any orders, notices or statutory procedures and secure any consents, licences, permissions, rights or easements necessary to enable implementation of this scheme.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 1.2. Approval of the scheme will allow the continued delivery of measures to improve walking and cycling opportunities in Eastleigh Town Centre and the surrounding area, encouraging visitors and locals to opt for active travel methods and leave their cars at home when in the local area.

2.2 The decision will enable delivery of the TCF Eastleigh Town Centre Cycles scheme at the revised cost as outlined in the report, and as approved in the Executive Lead Member for Economy, Transport and Environment Decision Day on 27 January 2022.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1 The alternative option to descoped the scheme and reduce costs was considered. However, it was decided that continuing with the delivery of the original scope provided substantial benefits and aligned with Hampshire County Councils strategic objectives to provide safe and healthy living opportunities. Furthermore, descoping the scheme would lead to a lack of continuity in the cycle route through Eastleigh which may have a forward impact on other schemes in the area which look to promote active travel, such as the connectivity to the proposed Airport Parkway and Eastleigh Train Station Travel Hubs.

3.2 It was also considered to do nothing, but this was rejected as the scheme will support active travel in the Eastleigh area by providing safer cycle routes and more connectivity through the area for active travel users. Furthermore, not delivering would involve a significant reputational risk as the County Council has been awarded funding from the DfT to deliver the scheme.

4. Conflicts of interest:

4.1 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: 15 May 2023
Executive Lead Member for Universal Services Councillor Nick Adams-King	

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Universal Services
Date:	15 May 2023
Title:	Commuted Sums Policy Guidance
Report From:	Director of Universal Services

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services notes the previous recommendations and approvals in the Commuted Sums Policy Guidance Executive Member Decision Day Report and Record on 16 July 2019.
- 1.2. That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services notes the work undertaken to engage with developers and the local planning authorities in Hampshire, and the subsequent amendments made to the Commuted Sums Policy Guidance and Calculator to address the issues raised in the engagement process.
- 1.3. That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services approves the proposed Commuted Sums Policy Guidance and Calculator.
- 1.4. That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services approves the proposed timescales and transitional arrangements for the implementation of the Commuted Sums Policy Guidance and Calculator.
- 1.5. That authority is delegated to the Director of Universal Services to make future minor amendments and additions to the Commuted Sums Policy Guidance and Calculator in consultation with the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services as appropriate.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. In recent years there has been a significant shift towards quality of place and the use of enhanced materials in new housing developments, often in locations that are more constrained and challenging. These combined factors often result in increased maintenance requirements at a time when there is a significant pressure on highway maintenance budgets.
- 2.2. The adoption of new highway infrastructure from new developments result in the County Council, as the Highway Authority, incurring increased maintenance costs for those assets in perpetuity. It is therefore essential that appropriate levels of funding are received so that the new infrastructure can be maintained to the required levels of service.

- 2.3. Hampshire County Council's existing Commuted Sum Policy precedes current national guidance. It was deemed necessary to update the County Council's approach to ensure it reflects national best practice and to mitigate the challenges faced by increasingly constrained and complex developments.
- 2.4. The proposed Commuted Sums Policy Guidance and Calculator were developed to provide developers (and other stakeholders responsible for delivering new highway infrastructure) with a transparent and consistent approach for the application and calculation of commuted sums and to ensure that Hampshire County Council receives the necessary funding to maintain the new highway infrastructure to the required standards.
- 2.5. The Commuted Sums Policy Guidance and Calculator also aim to encourage the adoption of new sustainable developments by promoting the use of durable and sustainable materials, but also enabling the appropriate use of enhanced materials, assets, and specifications that are often necessary to meet local planning requirements.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Hampshire County Council's existing Commuted Sum Policy precedes current national guidance. It was deemed necessary to update the County Council's approach to ensure it reflects national best practice. The option to retain the existing Commuted Sum Policy was therefore rejected.

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:

<p>Approved by:</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Executive Lead Member for Universal Services Councillor Nick Adams-King</p>	<p>Date:</p> <p>15 May 2023</p>
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HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Countryside and Regulatory Services
Date:	15 May 2023
Title:	Property Services Asset Decisions
Report From:	Director of Universal Services
(Summary of an Exempt Decision)	

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1. The Decisions:

- 1.1 That the proposed transactions shown in the schedule be approved.
- 1.2 That the Director of Universal Services be authorised to settle the detailed terms and conditions.

2. Reasons for the Decisions:

- 2.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval to a series of proposed transactions which will ensure efficient and effective use of the County Council's property assets.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1 Not Applicable

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:

- 5.1 None

6. Any reasons for the matter being dealt with if urgent:

6.1 Not applicable

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by:

Date:

15 May 2023

Councillor Russell Oppenheimer
Executive Member for Countryside and Regulatory
Services