

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Universal Services
Date:	13 March 2023
Title:	Bus Contract - Bishops Waltham/Hedge End to Eastleigh
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 procure, spend and enter into any necessary contractual arrangements in consultation with the Assistant Director for Legal Services and Monitoring Officer for a new contract for the 49 service, as set out in the supporting report, to commence from 3 April 2023 for a period of 4 years, with the option to extend for a further two years, at an annual maximum cost of £153,200.

2. Reason for the decision:

2.1. Following Xelabus giving notice on the X9/X10 service between Waltham Chase/Bishops Waltham and Hedge End, residents from these areas currently have no public transport option for getting to Hedge End. Those who are eligible can use Eastleigh Dial-a-Ride, but this does not cater for all. Providing this vital link will allow the community to travel to Hedge End and connect with other commercial bus services to do necessary shopping, banking, and improve access to health, etc.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. Not to tender for a replacement bus service. This option was rejected due to the demand for the bus service, as demonstrated by the usage on the existing service, and the budget is currently available to provide this service.

3.2. To replace this service with a community transport alternative. Existing usage suggests that demand would exceed the available capacity on a community transport vehicle.

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:

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Nick Adams-King

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