

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
Date:	12 November 2019
Title:	Local Bus Contracts in Fareham, Gosport and Alton/Alresford
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That approval be given to award bus subsidy contracts in the Fareham and Gosport area to First Hampshire and Dorset Ltd of an annual value of £213,909 funded from the Local Bus Budget for a period of 4 years commencing on 5 January 2020 at a total value of £855,636, with the option to extend up to a maximum of 6 years subject to further approval from the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment.
- 1.2. That approval be given to award a bus subsidy contract in the Alton/Alresford area to Stagecoach (South) Ltd of an annual value of £15,396 funded from the Local Bus Budget for a period of 4 years commencing on 22 April 2020 at a total value of £61,584, with the option to extend up to a maximum of 6 years subject to further approval from the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment.
- 1.3. That approval be given to award a bus subsidy contract in the Alton/Alresford area to Cresta Coaches of an annual value of £16,995 funded from the Local Bus Budget for a period of 4 years commencing on 22 April 2020 at a total value of £67,980 with the option to extend up to a maximum of 6 years subject to further approval from the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. The existing Fareham and Gosport area local bus contracts expire on 4 January 2020. 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. Several existing Alton/ Alresford area local bus contracts expire on 21 April 2020. 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.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Options for a Community Transport alternative have been considered where appropriate, however the volume of passengers recorded on some individual journeys would exceed the capacity of such solutions.
- 3.2. Other timetable options, including exploring enhancements to services, were rejected on the grounds of not proving affordable with current budget levels or consistent with the outcomes of the 2018 Passenger Transport Review.
- 3.3. Not awarding these tenders was considered and rejected as it would result in a reduced bus service in these areas.

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:

12 November 2019

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