

DECISION RECORD ¹

Subject:

Award of various contracts for local bus and education coach services in Hertfordshire

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Portfolio: Growth, Infrastructure, Planning and the Economy

1. Decision

Award of contracts for local bus and education coach services throughout Hertfordshire.

2. Reasons for the decision

To ensure continued compliance with the Transport Act 1985 and ensure best value in expenditure on local bus services.

3. Alternative options considered and rejected ²

Various alternative options proposed by tenderers considered and rejected on the grounds that individual tenders for contracts concerned represent best value. Due to a number of additional emergency contracts awarded for the period until the end of March 2021, the Bus Policy "value for money" criteria have been applied to all existing and proposed contracts in deciding if all services can be supported through the local bus budget.

4 Consultation

(a) Comments of Executive Member ^{3 4} Exec member has been consulted, he asked about the budget which was clarified and was content.

(b) Comments of other consultees ⁵

5. Following consultation with, and the concurrence of the Executive Member, I am proceeding with the proposed decision.

Signed:

Title: Assistant Director, Transport, Waste and Environmental
Management

Date: 28/1/2021

6. Copies of agreed document to.

- All consultees
- Chairman, and Vice-Chairmen of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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¹ for guidance see Chief Legal Officer's note "Taking Decisions"

² details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the officer at the time the decision was made

³ record any conflict of interest declared by any Executive Member consulted. If an Executive Member declares a conflict of interest DO NOT PROCEED without seeking advice from the Chief Legal Officer

⁴ If the matter has general significance for the Council and/or is, or is likely to be, controversial, then the officer shall consult the appropriate Executive Member before proceeding. In some cases it will be necessary to consult more than one Executive Member, and in some cases the Leader of the Council will need to be consulted

⁵ If the matter has local significance, but no general significance for the Council and no controversial aspects, the officer shall consult or inform the local member in writing (or by e mail) and proceed. It is essential that all officers responsible for delivering services ensure that local members are kept well briefed on issues affecting their areas.

