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| <p>Subject: Proposed award of various local bus contracts (following tender for services starting May 2023)</p> |
| <p>Staff Contact: Matt Lale, Passenger Transport Manager</p> <p>Tel: 01992 588633</p> <p>Executive Member: Phil Bibby</p> <p>Portfolio: Highways & Transport</p> |

1. **Decision**

Award of various local bus contracts for services starting May 2023 throughout Hertfordshire.

2. **Reasons for the decision**

To ensure continued compliance with the Transport Act 1985, ensure best value in expenditure on local bus services and to ensure continuation of service.

3. **Alternative options considered and rejected ²**

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. Officers have analysed usage of these routes and wish to continue rather than withdraw.

4. **Consultation**

(a) Comments of Executive Member ³ ⁴Value for money and reliability of operators assumed.

(b) Comments of other consultees ⁵

DECISION RECORD

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

Signed:Matthew Lale.....

Title: ...Passenger Transport Manager..... Date: ...27/03/23.....

6. Copies of agreed document to:

- All consultees
- Chairman, and Vice-Chairmen of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- Hard & electronic copy available for public inspection both at County Hall and on www.hertfordshire.gov.uk Democratic Services - Room 213 County Hall. democratic.services@hertfordshire.gov.uk

¹ for guidance see Director of Law and Governance'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 Director of Law and Governance

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.