

Written statement of a key decision
Cabinet member transport and roads

Title	RETENDERING OF PASSENGER TRANSPORT CONTRACTS DUE TO EXPIRE IN SEPTEMBER 2017
Decision maker	Cabinet member transport and roads Information about cabinet, including the names and contact details of the cabinet members, can be found here: http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=251
Date of decision	9 August 2017
Report exemption class	N/A
Reason for being a key decision	This is a key decision because it is likely to result in the council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the council's budget for the service or function concerned. A threshold of £500,000 is regarded as significant.
A notice was served in accordance with Part 3 (Key decisions) of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.	
General exception or special urgency (as defined in the constitution)	No
Purpose	To secure approval to retender contracts for the provision of passenger transport services, ensuring continuity of services, in line with statutory duties relating to eligible school transport and maintaining the bus network in accordance with adopted policies.
Decision	THAT:- (a) the following public transport contracts be awarded with effect from 3rd September 2017 as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • route 292 to Sargeants for a maximum period of seven years with break points at 3 and 5 years at a contract value of £1,362,900 • route 293 to First for a maximum period of seven years with break points at 3 and 5 years at a contract value of £1,597,200 • route 299 to Lugg Valley for a maximum period of a year at a contract value of £10,916

	<p>(b) the procurement of passenger transport school contracts as set out in appendix 1 be approved;</p> <p>(c) the assistant director environment and place be authorised to take all operational decisions necessary to award school transport contracts within approved budgets, following implementation of recommendation b above;</p> <p>(d) the assistant director environment and place be authorised to take all operational decisions necessary to undertake future school transport route reviews and subsequent procurement in accordance with council policies, contract procedure rules and approved budgets; the director for economy, communities and corporate be authorised to award contracts for future passenger transport services tendered in accordance with agreed policies and approved budgets.</p>
Reason for the decision	As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are available at http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50022369
Options considered	Not to proceed with re-tendering or the award of contracts. This is not recommended as this is likely to result in services being withdrawn and could mean that the council breaches its statutory responsibilities relating to school transport and is in conflict with its adopted policies relating to the support for the bus network which defines a Core Bus Network.
Declarations of interest (see below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	16 August 2017

Councillor: Cabinet member transport and roads (Councillor BA Durkin)	Date 9 August 2017
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- a record of any conflict of interest declared by any executive member who is consulted by the member which relates to the decision;

and

- in respect of any declared conflict of interest, a note of dispensation granted by the relevant local authority's head of paid service.