

### Record of officer decision

<b>Decision title:</b>	<b>Award of SEN Transport Contracts – January 2019 (Ref 0119)</b>
<b>Date of decision:</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> February 2019</b>
<b>Decision maker:</b>	Acting Assistant Director Highways and Transport
<b>Authority for delegated decision:</b>	<p>1. Key decision of 9 August 2017 by the cabinet member for transport and roads authorised:</p> <p>a) the assistant director environment and place 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 and</p> <p>b) for the director of economy, communities and corporate to award contracts for future passenger transport services tendered in accordance with agreed policies and approved budgets. (copy of the written statement of the key decision is attached).</p> <p>2. This is an operational decision with regard to Part 3 Section 7 para 3.7.5 of the constitution.</p> <p>3. The tendering process has been undertaken in accordance with the contract procedure rules at part 4 section 6 of the constitution.</p> <p>4. Scheme of delegation amendment 17 May 2017 All contracts must be approved by Assistant Director level or above.</p>
<b>Ward:</b>	Countywide
<b>Consultation:</b>	Members were consulted during the Passenger Transport Review reported to Cabinet in April 2017 which set out the approach to the provision of services for public, education and special needs transport.
<b>Decision made:</b>	<p>The decision has been taken to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Award SEN Transport contract numbers BM964S, BF934S, LON781S, BM781S and JG482S as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Contract BM964S</b> – Blackmarston School. Awarded to Blue Line Taxis for a 6 month term commencing 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at a total value of £17,440. 1 Compliant bid was received. This is an additional contract required to provide statutory transport for an SEN student who is unable to use shared transport.</li> <li><b>Contract BF934S</b> – Brookfield School. Awarded to Blue Line Taxis for a 3 month term commencing 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at a total value of £2,028. 2 Compliant bids were received. This contract replaces contract a Brookfield School operated service.</li> <li><b>Contract LON781S</b> – Brookfield School. Awarded to CM Davies for a 6 week term commencing 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at a total value of £838. 2 Compliant bids were received. This is an additional contract required to provide statutory transport for an SEN student.</li> <li><b>Contract BM781S</b> – Blackmarston School. Awarded to Blue Line</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

	<p>Taxis for a 6 month term commencing 14th January 2019 at a total value of £3,051. 1 Compliant bid was received. This is an additional contract required to provide statutory transport for an SEN student who is accessing a reduced timetable.</p> <p><b>Contract JG482S</b> – Joys Green School. Awarded to Blue Line Taxis for a 6 month term commencing 21st January 2019 at a total value of £6,180. 1 Compliant bid was received. This is an additional contract required to provide statutory transport for an SEN student who is attending a school not currently served by SEN transport.</p> <p>The net effect of tendering these contracts is an increase in SEN transport contracting costs of £21,951 in the current financial year.</p>
<b>Reasons for decision:</b>	To ensure that the council manages its transport services effectively whilst also meeting its statutory duties and ensures children are transported to school in line with eligibility.
<b>Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:</b>	The Passenger Transport Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) complies fully with current procurement legislation, the Councils contract procedure rules, and established best practice. Applicants to join the DPS have to complete a thorough evaluation questionnaire which is then checked for compliance by Passenger Transport and Commercial Services. Applicants are only allowed to join the DPS if they meet all of the specified criteria. The e-portal used to carry out tendering exercises under the DPS ensures that contracts are securely advertised to all qualifying parties. The Passenger Transport DPS ensures that contracts are awarded fairly and transparently based on specified evaluation criteria. Selection questionnaires, contract specifications and conditions of contract have been written in consultation with legal and commercial services.
<b>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:</b>	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
<b>Details of any declarations of interest made:</b>	None

I am an officer delegated to make the decision

Signed:

Job Title: Acting Assistant Director Highways & Transport