



**GUILDFORD PARK AND RIDE  
BUS CONTRACTS**

**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL  
LOCAL COMMITTEE (GUILDFORD)**

**10<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2008**

**KEY ISSUE**

This report seeks approval for the continued funding of the Guildford Park and Ride local bus network through the CPZ on-street account.

**SUMMARY**

The Park and Ride bus service contracts have recently been re-tendered. The report seeks the endorsement of the Local Committee to continue to fund these services through the Controlled Parking Zone on-street parking account. This is necessary in order enable officers to seek the approval of the County Council's Executive to award the contracts. Since the value of the contracts exceed £0.5 million, the decision to award lies with the Executive under SCC Standing Orders.

**Report by****Surrey Atlas Ref.**

HEAD OF TRANSPORT FOR SURREY

N/A

**GUILDFORD B.C. WARD (S)****COUNTY ELECTORAL DIVISION (S)**

N/A

N/A

## OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is asked to endorse:

- (i) the continued funding of the Guildford Park and Ride local bus network from the on-street parking account surplus.

## INTRODUCTION and BACKGROUND

- 1 This report seeks the endorsement of the Guildford Local Committee to award the contracts for the operation of the Guildford Park and Ride bus service network, with effect from March 2009, and to fund these through the Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) on-street parking account. These contracts have been tendered on the basis of a two-year term, expiring at the end of December 2010. The contracts are for the operation of the bus services to the following park and ride sites:

**Contract L227:** Service 100 Spectrum  
Service 200 Artington  
Service 101 Ladymead

**Contract L588:** Service 300 Merrow

- 2 Contract L227 is a renewal of the existing network of services while L588 is to provide a permanent bus service for the recently opened Merrow Park and Ride car park, located on the A25 to the east of Guildford.
- 3 The operational funding of the Park & Ride services is currently met by Surrey County Council's CPZ on-street parking surplus and from the fares revenue received on-bus. There is a long standing commitment by the Guildford Local Committee (previously GPATS) that the operation of the Guildford Park & Ride network should be funded from this source.

## FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 4 The estimated annual net cost of the contracts from March 2009 is set out below. These costs are based upon the tender cost less an estimate of the fares revenue that will be taken on the services (using 2007/08 fares data). The estimated net cost is therefore the amount to be funded through the CPZ.

Contract	Route / service	Estimated Net Cost (annual)
L227	Spectrum 100 (Mon - Fri) Artington 200 (Mon - Sat) Ladymead 101 (Sat)	£300,000
L588	Merrow 300 (Mon - Fri)	£200,000

- 5 The on-street parking account currently has a substantial surplus, which has been increasing year-on-year. While this increase is not expected to continue now that the Merrow service has commenced. The Transportation Task Group has been examining the future strategy for Park and Ride, and proposals will come to a future meeting of the Committee. Even assuming no change in circumstance, the surplus in the account is sufficient to guarantee the funding of these services for the life of the proposed contracts.

### **CONSULTATIONS**

- 6 As the proposed bus contracts are continuations of existing arrangements, no public consultations have been carried out.

### **OPTIONS**

- 7 No other options exist for funding of the Park and Ride bus services. If the Committee were not to endorse the proposals, the Executive would be so informed and the bus services would not be able to continue.

### **EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 8 The park and ride bus services that will be provided, subject to approval, will be fully compliant with the Disability Discrimination Act.

### **CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

- 9 The report has no crime and disorder implications.

### **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS**

- 10 Over 750,000 passenger trips were made on the Guildford park and ride network during 2007/08, reducing traffic congestion in the centre of Guildford and helping to improve the environment.

### **CONCLUSIONS AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 11 Park and Ride is an essential part of the Guildford transport strategy, and the bus services have been successfully funded from the on-street parking surplus for several years.

### **WHAT HAPPENS NEXT**

- 12 Subject to Executive approval the contracts will start on 1 March 2009.

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<b>BACKGROUND PAPERS</b>	None

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