

Record of decision taken under delegated powers by a council officer



Title:	2020 Mini Competition Bus Award
Divisions Affected:	All / List
Key Decision:	Yes
Reason Key:	Over £500,000
Decision taken under delegation by virtue of:	Cabinet decision: Minute 218/19 (17 December 2019)

Summary

To award the following bus routes contracts to the following Bidders following a mini-competition from the Surrey Buses DPS:

Successful Tenderer	Routes Award	Cost per Annum
Falcon Buses	E5, E16, 408	£397,500.00
Metrobus	E9, E10	£198,895.00
Total annual spend		£596,395.00

The decision to proceed to tender was taken following the Incumbent's (Quality Lines) decision to service notice on the Council for these routes. This procurement activity is planned on the Annual Procurement Forward Plan.

In addition, one successful bidder has highlighted an opportunity to procure new, cleaner buses for use on some of these routes, helping Surrey become cleaner.

Decision made

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It was AGREED that:

Five contracts are let for the appointment of two companies stated above with an annual value of £596,395 with services to commence in April 2020.

This will ensure that there will be no interruption to services in Surrey.

Reasons for Decision:

Decision taken by:	Director of Infrastructure & Delivery
Decision taken on:	18 February 2020
To be implemented on:	26 February 2020

Alternative options considered

Extend via a direct award	The incumbent submitted bids more than 50% higher than the successful tenderers.
Do nothing	Was discounted as there has been no engagement with residents over any alterations to timetables, services etc.

Summary of any financial implications

The current cost of these five routes is £423,207. The annual cost of £596,395 is within the overall service budget – Finance have confirmed this.

Declarations of conflicts of interest

None

Consultation/Process Followed

Consultation was undertaken with the market to assess the appetite for these existing routes.

Background Documents

Exempt:

Procurement Report	
Financial approval	
Legal approval	