

Record of decision taken under delegated powers by a council officer



Title:	Surrey County Council Response to Covid: providing support to service providers
Divisions Affected:	Elmbridge, Runnymede (and the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames)
Key Decision:	Yes
Reason Key:	Affects two or more Divisions
Decision taken under delegation by virtue of:	Cabinet decision 31 March 2020 Min ref: 41/20

Summary

Bus route 461 is a key route to St Peter's Hospital normally running every 30min. Fare income has reduced as a result of fewer passengers due to Covid-19. In order to maintain the service at a level which would support key workers accessing an NHS primary care facility, additional funding of £450 per day was agreed for three months from 1st April to 30th June 2020. Patronage has not increased as hoped, and the service continues to suffer reduced fare income. In order to maintain this essential service further support of £300 per day is required from 1st July to 31st August, with an expected total cost of £12,900, which will be partially funded through Covid Bus Service Support Grant.

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It was AGREED that:

1. Financial support of £300 per day (estimated at £12,900) be provided to Falcon Buses to support route 461 from 1st July to 31st August 2020.

Reasons for Decision:

To enable continuation of bus services taking key NHS workers to St Peter's Hospital.

Decision taken by:	Katie Stewart – Executive Director ETI Matt Furniss – Cabinet Member for Transport
Decision taken on:	14 July 2020
To be implemented on:	Payments backdated to 01/07/2020

Alternative options considered

The alternative is not to continue to provide financial support, which would impact on the ability of key workers to access St Peter's Hospital safely.

Summary of any financial implications

Additional costs expected to be £12,900 until 31st August 2020, of which £6,900 is expected to be met from Covid Bus Service Support Grant.

Declarations of conflicts of interest

None

Consultation/Process Followed

Decision taken in consultation with Cabinet Member for Transport.

Background Documents

Exempt:

Cabinet report 31st March 2020 setting out the council's response to Covid-19.