

**Bracknell Forest Council
Record of Decision**

Work Programme Reference	I093317
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1. **TITLE:** Procurement Plan for new Framework for Road Based Passenger Transport Framework

2. **SERVICE AREA:** Place, Planning & Regeneration

3. **PURPOSE OF DECISION**

To approve the Procurement Plan for the award of a new framework for road based passenger transport.

4. **IS KEY DECISION** Yes

5. **DECISION MADE BY:** Executive

6. **DECISION:**

- i) the methodology for advertising the Framework opportunity, evaluating supplier submissions, and appointing suppliers to the new Framework agreement be approved.
- ii) the new Framework Agreement is implemented using a Dynamic Procurement System (DPS) so that suppliers may join the Framework at any point during its lifetime.

7. **REASON FOR DECISION**

The current framework agreement has expired and must be renewed to ensure the effective procurement of future bus contracts.

The new framework agreement will provide the structure to source suitable bus services providers from the marketplace. The subsequent call-off contracts under the framework will then secure particular routes through a competitive process.

8. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

To continue without a framework agreement in place and conduct individual tenders each time a new service needs to be commissioned. This would be time consuming and would affect the Council's response to changes in circumstance.

To pursue a non-DPS Framework valid for four years. Previously, only three operators met the deadline for the current framework agreement and so a fixed and inaccessible framework would limit the scope for best value and resilience.

9. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Report of the Director: Place, Planning & Regeneration

10. **DECLARED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** None

Date Decision Made	Final Day of Call-in Period
10 November 2020	17 November 2020