

## RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Tuesday, 18 October 2022

**Decision No:** (CAB 22/23 35335)

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	Cabinet Member for Transport and District Regeneration
SUBJECT:	Southampton E-Scooter Trial Extension
AUTHOR:	Rob Gloyns

### THE DECISION

- (i) To approve the renewal of the Vehicle Special Order (VSO) for Southampton's e-scooter trial until 31 May 2024, in accordance with the Department for Transport's proposed new end date.
- (ii) To approve the extension of Voi's contract for an initial 12 months to 30 November 2023 to enable Voi to continue operating the trial beyond the current end date of 30 November 2022.
- (iii) To delegate authority to the Executive Director for Growth, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Transport and District Regeneration and Section 151 officer to implement and amend the details of the e-scooter trial within the parameters established by the VSO and the DfT, and to approve a further extension to Voi's contract from 1 December 2023 to 31 May 2024 following a performance review.

### REASONS FOR THE DECISION

To facilitate the ongoing collection of data and information that will inform national legislation for e-scooters and support the ongoing independent data validation.

The trial has demonstrated there is a demand for a rental e-scooter service in Southampton with over 61,000 users having collectively made over 802,000 trips.

To understand how new innovations from the Future Transport Zone programme will interact with the e-scooter service, for example the Mobility-as-a-Service app, and to continue to refine the service to improve uptake, safety and efficiency.

To allow flexibility in response to new innovations and service models developed by SCC, Solent Transport, the DfT or Voi. For example, a review of operating hours.

The contract will be extended extension with Voi for 12 months to the end of November 2023. The contract with Voi can only be extended for periods of up to one year. This will also allow an opportunity to review Voi's performance before a further extension to the end of May 2024. This provides the Council with greater flexibility to vary the arrangement as may be required based on its ongoing evaluation of the trial.

#### **DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

End the trial in November 2022. This was rejected as it would not facilitate ongoing data collection. It would also slow the progress made in micromobility in Southampton and remove opportunities to improve and refine the service.

#### **OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION**

None

#### **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

None

#### **CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD**

We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 and is a true and accurate record of that decision.

Date: 18<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Decision Maker:  
The Cabinet

Proper Officer:  
Claire Heather

#### **SCRUTINY**

Note: This decision will come in to force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of publication subject to any review under the Council's Scrutiny "Call-In" provisions.

Call-In Period expires on

Date of Call-in <i>(if applicable) (this suspends implementation)</i>
Call-in Procedure completed <i>(if applicable)</i>
Call-in heard by <i>(if applicable)</i>
Results of Call-in <i>(if applicable)</i>