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Executive Decision Records

Please find set out below a number of Executive Decisions taken at the HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL Executive Lead Member for Universal Services Decision Day & Executive Member for Countryside and Regulatory Services Decision Day held at the Castle, Winchester on Monday, 11th March, 2024

1. **WASTE DISPOSAL CONTRACT 2030 AND OPTIONS APPRAISAL**
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3. **PROSTATE CANCER UK CAMPAIGN - BOYS NEED BINS CAMPAIGN**
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HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Universal Services
Date:	11 March 2024
Title:	Waste Disposal Contract 2030 and Options Appraisal
Report From:	Director of Universal Services

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services notes the contents and recommendations of the report appended to the supporting report and approves the following recommendations regarding a project appraisal in 2024 to inform the procurement of the Waste Disposal Service Contract (WDSC) post 2030:
- a) Approve the proposed programme of work and governance arrangements.
 - b) Give authority to the Assistant Director for Waste and Environmental Services, through their role on the Strategic Tripartite Board, within the approvals set out below to progress the options appraisal work, including procurement of external contractors and expenditure.
 - c) Approve in principle the proposed programme budget of £1.236million up to the financial year 2030/31.
 - d) Approve and commit to supporting the resource requirements to deliver the programme within the budget.
 - e) Approve the spend of £331,100 in 2024/25 on the options appraisal as detailed in the report.
 - f) Delegate authority to the Director of Universal Services, in consultation with the Head of Legal Services, to approve any minor amendments that may be required to the Tripartite Agreement to support this programme.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. This decision is required in order to inform future decision making to ensure that the County Council is able to continue to discharge its statutory function as a waste disposal authority once the current Waste Disposal Service Contract expires on 31 December 2030.
- 2.2. This decision will enable the County Council, working with its Tripartite partners Portsmouth City Council and Southampton City Council to determine the most effective approach for discharging its statutory duties with regards to waste disposal and set out the work needed to put these arrangements in place.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. The option to not undertake the options analysis has been considered and rejected. Due to both the significant cost and risks associated with the waste disposal service it is critical that a robust options appraisal is undertaken to determine the optimal and most efficient way forward for delivering these services for Hampshire residents from 2031 onwards.
- 3.2. The option to undertake this options analysis work as a single authority has been considered and rejected. By continuing to work with Portsmouth and Southampton City Councils we are able to benefit from the economies of scale associated with tonnage arising across the three authority areas and therefore it is likely best value will be achieved by considering the options within that context.
- 3.3. In addition, having jointly invested in the current waste disposal infrastructure there would be both significant cost and complexity to enable any party to disengage from the Tripartite arrangements.

4. Conflicts of interest:

- 4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker:
- 4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted:

5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: none.

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by: ----- Executive Lead Member for Universal Services Councillor Nick Adams-King	Date: 11 March 2024
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HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Universal Services
Date:	11 March 2024
Title:	Bus Promotional Marketing and Fares Initiatives
Report From:	Director of Universal Services

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services approves the final programme contained in the supporting report and endorses the expenditure of £200,000 of Bus Service Improvement Plan+ (BSIP+) funding to be spent on promotional and marketing initiatives, and on Travel Training for people who are not used to travelling by bus.
- 1.2. That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services approves the final programme outlined in the supporting report and endorses the expenditure of £200,000 of BSIP+ funding on bus fares initiatives, in order to encourage people to try bus services and increase the number of regular bus passengers in Hampshire.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. The County Council has been allocated £7.16m of BSIP+ funding by the Department for Transport to be spent over the 2023/24 and 2024/25 financial years. The funding will deliver a suite of measures to improve bus services and bus infrastructure and promote the bus network, as set out in the Hampshire Bus Service Improvement Plan.
- 2.2. By encouraging more people to travel by bus, these initiatives will contribute to the long-term financial viability of Hampshire's commercial bus network. The initiatives will support other projects being delivered by BSIP+ funding and bus operators' own investment to grow the bus network, e.g. pump-priming increased service levels on some of Hampshire's main bus corridors.
- 2.3. It was set out in the Officer Delegated Report approved by the Director of Universal Services on 16th January 2024 (see 'Other Significant Links' towards the end of the supporting report) that when the details of the bus fares initiatives and promotional activities have been finalised by the County Council in partnership with bus operators, final approval for the programme would be sought.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. BSIP+ funding is one-off government funding that is ringfenced to measures that grow the existing bus network and measures that improve and promote bus services. The funding cannot be spent on other projects, e.g. on-going financial support of the subsidised bus network.

4. Conflicts of interest:

4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker:

4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted:

5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: none.

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by:

Date:

11 March 2024

**Executive Lead Member for Universal Services
Councillor Nick Adams-King**

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Countryside and Regulatory Services
Date:	11 March 2024
Title:	Prostate Cancer UK Campaign – ‘Boys Need Bins’
Report From:	Director of Universal Services

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Executive Member for Countryside and Regulatory Services approves the roll out of sanitary bins in all cubicles in male toilets in Hampshire County Council buildings used by both staff and the public, in support of Prostate Cancer UK’s ‘Boys Need Bins’ Campaign.
- 1.2. That the Executive Member for Countryside and Regulatory Services approves the associated increase of £6,550 in annual spend on Waste Services to be drawn from existing service budgets within Chief Officer Delegations.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. On 28 September 2023 the County Council notice of motion (item 11) was submitted, raising awareness of prostate cancer, the most common cancer in men. 1 in 8 men will be diagnosed, rising to 1 in 4 for Black men. As many as 69% of those treated with surgery may experience urinary incontinence as a result.
- 2.2. Research shows that men who need to dispose of their sanitary waste, often have no direct access to a sanitary bin in male toilets.
- 2.3. The Council believes that men should be able to safely and hygienically dispose of incontinence products easily and with dignity wherever they go, and that men who need to dispose of their sanitary waste should have direct access to a sanitary bin in male toilets.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Do nothing. This was rejected because the council motion was agreed, coupled with the cost effective nature of the proposals.

4. Conflicts of interest:

- 4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker:
- 4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted:

- 5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: none.
- 6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.
- 7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by: ----- Executive Member for Countryside and Regulatory Services Councillor Russell Oppenheimer	Date: 11 March 2024
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Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Countryside and Regulatory Services
Date:	11 March 2024
Title:	Basingstoke Canal
Report From:	Director of Universal Services

Contact name: Jo Heath

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Executive Member for Countryside and Regulatory Services approves changes to the governance and operation of the Basingstoke Canal Authority (BCA) as detailed within the supporting report.
- 1.2. That the Executive Member for Countryside and Regulatory Services delegates authority to the Director of Universal Services in consultation with the Head of Legal Services to agree and enter into the necessary Memorandums of Understanding, Agreements and arrangements with partners, that will underpin the updated governance.
- 1.3. That the Executive Member for Countryside and Regulatory Services takes this decision in the context of Hampshire County Council's role as one of two landowning authorities for the Basingstoke Canal (alongside Surrey County Council), on behalf of whom the BCA acts as a delivery agent.
- 1.4. That, subject to a parallel decision by the Executive Member at Surrey County Council (to be taken on 26 March), these changes come into effect from 1 April 2024.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. The current model for managing the Canal is not financially sustainable, requiring an annual draw on its reserves (which are projected to be fully depleted by 2026/27). This situation is compounded by the inadequacy of current governance arrangements, which do not offer sufficient clarity on working arrangements between partners.
- 2.2. Hampshire and Surrey County Councils are seeking for the Canal to move towards greater financial sustainability, while continuing to deliver on statutory obligations in relation to safety, conservation and wellbeing.
- 2.3. The decision is taken in support of those objectives.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. A number of future delivery models for the future of the Canal were considered as part of detailed analysis undertaken prior to this decision.
- 3.2. These options included 'do nothing', Change Ownership, Change Management Model, and deliver Statutory functions only. The other options considered were all found to be less financially viable, in the context of otherwise ensuring that statutory functions are delivered on an ongoing basis.

4. Conflicts of interest:

- 4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker:
- 4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted:

5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: none.

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

I thank the Universal Services Select Committee for pre-scrutinising the proposals and its support for the recommendations.

Approved by:

Date:

11 March 2024

**Executive Member for Countryside and Regulatory
Services
Councillor Russell Oppenheimer**