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## Executive Decision Records

Please find set out below a number of Executive Decisions taken at the HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services & Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services Decision Days held remotely on Monday, 22nd January, 2024

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# Item 1

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services
<b>Date:</b>	22 January 2024
<b>Title:</b>	A326 North Waterside Improvements Update
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Hampshire 2050

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#### 1. The decisions:

- 1.1 That, following the confirmation of additional third-party funding set out within the finance section of the supporting report, the Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 confirms the continued development of the A326 North scheme and associated commitment of resources up to Planning Application and Outline Business Case (OBC) submission, planned for Autumn 2024.
- 1.2 That, in light of the engagement feedback and design development work set out in the supporting report, authority is delegated to the Director of Hampshire 2050 to make all necessary arrangements for submission of a Planning Application and OBC for the scheme; and (in consultation with the Head of Legal Services) to enter into and progress any necessary contractual arrangements.
- 1.3 That the key project risks associated with both the development and delivery of the scheme are noted, as set out in the table at paragraph 48 of the supporting report.
- 1.4 That, given the risks around potential scheme cost increases post OBC approval, the Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 confirms that the County Council is willing to continue being scheme promoter should the scheme proceed to the delivery stage, but that it cannot use any of its general funding to contribute to scheme delivery costs or future scheme cost increases, unless these are underwritten by a third party.
- 1.5 That the County Council's conditions for being scheme promoter during the project delivery phase are noted, as set out in paragraph 58 of the supporting report and that authority is delegated to the Director of Hampshire 2050 to notify funding bodies of these conditions and seek confirmation in writing of their acceptability and/or willingness to enter into negotiations around how cost risks could be fully managed. Confirmation will be required post any OBC approval, or the County Council will be unable to proceed with delivery of the scheme.
- 1.6 That authority is delegated to the Director of Hampshire 2050 to identify and agree in principle the necessary local match funding package to deliver the

scheme, and (in consultation with the Head of Legal Services) to enter into and progress any necessary contractual arrangements. This local match funding will need to be fully identified by the point of OBC submission, or the County Council cannot submit the OBC.

**2. Reasons for the decisions:**

- 2.1. Bringing the scheme forward will help to deliver on the aims of the County Council's adopted Waterside Transport Strategy and the objectives of the 'Waterside Vision' document, previously approved by the County Council, National Park and New Forest District Council in September 2020. As such the scheme has the potential to solve a number of longstanding transport issues impacting existing businesses and residents of the Waterside, mitigate the impact of potential growth of national importance and do so in a way that enhances the natural environment and access to it.
- 2.2. The decisions are required to report back on the results of engagement activity recently undertaken and to highlight the changing risks related to the scheme and reaffirm the County Councils role as project sponsor during scheme development and to set the conditions under which it would take on a delivery role.

**3. Other options considered and rejected:**

- 3.1. Not continuing with the development of the scheme would mean that the issues of transport congestion and severance on the A326 remain unaddressed which in turn would threaten the delivery of the Waterside vision and the Waterside Transport Strategy.
- 3.2. Failure to seek approval at this time may mean the scheme is unable to progress, that the impact of future development remains unmitigated, and that the County Council as Highway Authority may not be able to sustain support for some growth proposals. Delay in progressing the scheme would also mean that the programme would be delayed and could extend beyond the end of the Large Local Majors funding window, putting the Department for Transport (DfT) funding for the scheme at risk.

**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:**

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**22 January 2024**

**Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050  
and Corporate Services  
Councillor Rob Humby**

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# Item 2

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Decision Report

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services
<b>Date:</b>	22 January 2024
<b>Title:</b>	2024/25 Revenue Budget & Capital Programme Report for Hampshire 2050
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Hampshire 2050

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#### 1. The decisions:

To approve for submission to the Leader and the Cabinet:

- 1.1 The revised revenue budget for 2023/24 as set out in Appendix 1.
- 1.2 The summary revenue budget for 2024/25 as set out in Appendix 2
- 1.3 The summary capital budget for 2023/24 and 2024/25 as set out in Appendix 3.

#### 2 Reason for the decision:

- 2.1 The County Council is required to agree its budget and set the council tax for 2024/25 at its meeting on 22 February 2024. The Cabinet agreed provisional cash limits for revenue and capital budgets for each Directorate at its meeting on 12 December 2023 and asked Executive Members with Chief Officers to develop their detailed revenue budgets and capital programmes within these guidelines.

#### 3 Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1 The total of the budget proposals in this report are in line with the guidelines set by Cabinet. A budget in excess of the guidelines is not considered affordable and a budget significantly below the guidelines would not enable service objectives to be met. These service objectives and budgets for 2024/25 and future years have been developed in keeping with the County Council's priorities.

#### 4 Conflicts of interest:

- 4.1 Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None
- 4.2 Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: None

**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:**

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**22 January 2024**

**Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and  
Corporate Services  
Councillor Rob Humby**

# Item 3

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services
<b>Date:</b>	22 January 2024
<b>Title:</b>	2024/25 Revenue Budget Report for Corporate Services
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Corporate Operations and Director of People and Organisation

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#### 1. The decisions:

To approve for submission to the Leader and the Cabinet:

- 1.1. The revised revenue budget for 2023/24 as set out in Appendix 1.
- 1.2. The summary revenue budget for 2024/25 as set out in Appendix 2

#### 2. Reason for the decision:

- 2.1. This report seeks approval for submission to the Leader and Cabinet of the revised budget for 2023/24 and detailed service budgets for 2024/25 for Corporate Services. The report has been prepared in consultation with the Executive Member and will be reviewed by the Hampshire 2050, Corporate Services and Resources Select Committee. It will be reported to the Leader and Cabinet on 6 February 2024 to make final recommendations to County Council on 22 February 2024.

#### 3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. The total of the budget proposals in this report are in line with the guidelines set by Cabinet. A budget in excess of the guidelines is not considered affordable and a budget significantly below the guidelines would not enable service objectives to be met. These service objectives and budgets for 2024/25 and future years have been developed in keeping with the County Council's priorities.

#### 4. Conflicts of interest:

- 4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None

4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: None

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:**

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Councillor Rob Humby  
Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and  
Corporate Services

22 January 2024

# Item 4

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services
<b>Date:</b>	22 January 2024
<b>Title:</b>	Awards from Community Grant Schemes
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Hampshire 2050

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#### 1. The decisions:

1.1. That the Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services approves:

- a) Two grants totalling £30,000 from the Leader's Community Grant Fund 2023/24 to cultural and community organisations in Hampshire, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report;
- b) One grant totalling £13,144 from the Parish and Town Council Investment Fund, as set out in Appendix 2 to the report;
- c) Two grants totalling £12,500 from the Rural Community Fund, as set out in Appendix 3 to the report.

#### 2. Reasons for the decisions:

2.1 Two organisations have applied for a grant through the Leader's Community Grant Fund totalling £40,100, one organisation has applied for a grant from the Parish Town Council Investment Fund (PTCIF) totalling £13,144 and two organisations have applied for a grant from the Rural Community Fund (RCF) totalling £18,162 for 2023/24.

2.2 The report considers the applications and recommends the awards totalling £30,000 from the Leader's Community Grant Fund, £13,144 from the Parish Town Council Investment Fund (PTCIF) and £12,500 from the Rural Community Fund (RCF). The recommended awards can be met from within existing budget provision.

#### 3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. None.

#### 4. Conflicts of interest:

- 4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None.
- 4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: None.
- 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:**

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**22 January 2024**

**Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050  
and Corporate Services  
Councillor Rob Humby**

# Item 5

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services
<b>Date:</b>	22 January 2024
<b>Title:</b>	Guidance on Planning Obligations and Developer Infrastructure Contributions
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Hampshire 2050

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#### 1. The decisions:

- 1.1. That the Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services approves the Guidance on Planning Obligations and Developer Infrastructure Contributions.
- 1.2. That the Director of Hampshire 2050 is given delegated authority to approve minor updates to the Guidance to reflect changes to national policy, guidance and best practice as appropriate.

#### 2. Reasons for the decisions:

- 2.1. To approve updated guidance to aid and support discussions between teams across the organisation and local planning authorities, with regards to the planning and funding of infrastructure and securing developer contributions.
- 2.2. Infrastructure planning is critical to delivering Outcome 3 of the Strategic Plan, including the priority of planning and delivering low carbon infrastructure that meets business need and promoting a sustainable and more resilient transport network, and shaping places across the County that enhance communities and environments.

#### 3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. The option to update and publish separate guidance on developer contributions provided by County Council teams as required, was considered. This was rejected because it would be less efficient to manage the preparation and approval of a suite of separate guidance documents, and consultation has demonstrated demand for a comprehensive approach.
- 3.2. The option to consult further on a revised suite of guidance documents, following updates from Government on the proposed Infrastructure Levy was

considered, but ruled out due to the further delay this would cause. Consultation on a proposed Infrastructure Levy (reform of the existing system of developer contributions) closed in June 2023 and the Government was analysing the feedback until October 2023. It was important not to delay publication of the Guidance, but to recognise the potential transition towards a new system following changes in legislation.

3.3. The option of providing advice and guidance on developer contributions on a case-by-case basis on request (without an agreed corporate policy basis), was ruled out. The case for preparing a corporate policy on developer contributions requirements was made and supported by Cabinet in 2020.

**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:**

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**22 January 2024**

**Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050  
and Corporate Services  
Councillor Rob Humby**

# Item 6

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services
<b>Date:</b>	22 January 2024
<b>Title:</b>	A27 St Margaret's Roundabout, Fareham – Disposal Strategy
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Hampshire 2050
	(Summary of an Exempt Decision)

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#### 1. The decisions:

- 1.1 That the Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services approves the proposal to confirm the land north of the A27 St Margaret's Roundabout in Fareham (which extends to approximately 1.23 hectares/3.04 acres) as surplus to the County Council's operational requirements.
- 1.2 That the Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services notes the options analysis undertaken regarding the basis of any onward sale of the A27 St Margaret's Roundabout site and approves the recommended marketing and disposal strategy on the basis set out in paragraphs 11 to 20 of the report.
- 1.3 That the Director of Hampshire 2050 and Assistant Chief Executive (in consultation with the Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services) be authorised to finalise the selection of the preferred purchaser for the A27 St Margaret's Roundabout site within the key parameters set out in paragraphs 21 to 23 and to conclude the disposal including any adjustments to the purchase price/lease premium that may be required.
- 1.4 That the Director of Hampshire 2050 and Assistant Chief Executive be authorised to enter any necessary planning and/or other legal agreements to enable the purchaser to secure a planning consent to support their development proposals for the A27 St Margaret's Roundabout site in Fareham.

**2. Reason for the decisions:**

2.1 The allocation of the A27 St Margaret's Road site, Fareham for employment in the recently adopted Fareham Borough Council Local Plan, has conferred an improved alternative use value which, given the site is surplus to the authority's operational requirements, can now be realised. The report evaluates the options to realise this value and recommends a preferred way forward.

**3. Other options considered and rejected:**

3.1 To do nothing and not realise the onward development value whilst still incurring interim site management costs.

**4. Conflicts of interest:**

4.1 Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None.

4.2 Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: None.

**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:**

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**22 January 2024**

**Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050  
and Corporate Services  
Councillor Rob Humby**