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## Executive Decision Records

Please find set out below a number of Executive Decisions taken at the HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services Decision Day held remotely on Thursday 24 October 2024

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# Item 1

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

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| <b>Decision Maker:</b> | Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services |
| <b>Date:</b>           | 24 October 2024  |
| <b>Title:</b>          | Rail Update & Rail Station Interchange Improvement Plan    |
| <b>Report From:</b>    | Director of Hampshire 2050                                 |

**Contact name:** Andrew Wilson

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#### 1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services approves the Rail Station Interchange Improvement Plan as a supplementary policy document to Local Transport Plan 4 (LTP4), as appended to this report.
- 1.2. That the Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services notes the updates provided on rail industry issues at both local and national levels.

#### 2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. Good progress is being made in improving rail station infrastructure in Hampshire. This report updates on the work that is taking place and seeks agreement to the adoption of a Rail Station Interchange Improvement Plan which sets out a series of improvement schemes for passengers at each of Hampshire's forty-eight rail stations.
- 2.2. The plan has been developed with the County Council's partners in the rail industry. As a supporting document to LTP4, the plan will enable funding to be sought from a variety of sources to deliver access and interchange improvements at rail stations, e.g. Section 106 contributions from developments, LTP funding and Access for All funding bids.
- 2.3. The plan will deliver improvements against two of the LTP4 Public Transport policies, namely PT1 – Provide the infrastructure needed to enable reliable, frequent, fast and connected public transport trips; and PT3 – Increase the reach of public transport services.

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

- 3.1. The Rail Station Interchange Improvement Plan sets out a series of improvements at each of Hampshire's rail stations and will enable funding to be sought from a variety of sources including external rail industry funding to

deliver these improvements. Without this plan in place, funding and therefore delivery of the improvements, will be more difficult to implement.

**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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**24 October 2024**

**Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and  
Corporate Services  
Councillor Nick Adams-King**

# Item 2

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

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| <b>Decision Maker:</b> | Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services    |
| <b>Date:</b>           | 24 October 2024   |
| <b>Title:</b>          | Public Transport Policy Update – Bus Service Improvement Plan |
| <b>Report From:</b>    | Director of Hampshire 2050                                    |

**Contact name:** Andrew Wilson

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#### 1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services notes the progress being made with the delivery of Hampshire's Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) in partnership with Hampshire's bus operators.
- 1.2. That the Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services approves the partnership approach to improving bus services in Hampshire as set out in the Hampshire Bus Service Improvement Plan and rules out bus franchising as a viable option at the present time.
- 1.3. That the Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services approves the 2024 Hampshire BSIP, as appended to this report.

#### 2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1 The BSIP is a key element of the Hampshire 2050 vision and its successful delivery directly impacts the outcomes we are seeking to achieve related to prosperity, climate change, healthy and strong communities. It is a commitment in Hampshire's Local Transport Plan 4 which aims to: PT1 Place customers at the heart of an affordable, easy to use and efficient low-carbon public transport system; PT2 Provide the infrastructure needed to enable reliable, frequent, fast and connected public transport trips; and PT3 Increase the reach of public transport services.
- 2.2 Hampshire's BSIP is the detailed strategy and funded action plan for investment in schemes and initiatives needed to achieve these aims. This report updates members on progress that is being made, seeks approval and recognition of the good partnership working that is taking place with bus operators and the 2024 BSIP. It also seeks to establish a policy position on the Government's proposals for bus franchising.

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

3.1 Without the recognition of Members and others of the progress made to date and agreement of the County Council to continue with the strong partnerships we have developed with bus operators and other stakeholders, funding to deliver the improvements set out in the BSIP will be put at risk, e.g. future rounds of BSIP funding from the Department for Transport (DfT), bus operator investment in zero-emission buses and more frequent services, and Section 106 transport contributions from developers.

**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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**24 October 2024**

**Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and  
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Councillor Nick Adams-King**

# Item 3

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

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| <b>Decision Maker:</b> | Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services |
| <b>Date:</b>           | 24 October 2024  |
| <b>Title:</b>          | Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Strategy          |
| <b>Report From:</b>    | Director of Hampshire 2050                                 |

**Contact name:** Hayley Thorn

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#### 1. The decision:

- 1.1 That the Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services approves the draft Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Strategy.

#### 2. Reason for the decision:

- 2.1. A strategy is required to guide and manage the roll out of electric vehicle charging infrastructure, to ensure that the charging is in the right place and does not have unacceptable impacts. This supports the Council's objective of achieving carbon neutrality by 2050 and the Local Transport Plan objectives and, in particular policy FM2 "Accelerate the transition to low and zero emission vehicle use".

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

- 3.1. The option of not producing a strategy was considered and rejected, because there is a need to provide strategic direction and principles for the roll out of charging infrastructure.
- 3.2. The production of a more detailed and proscriptive strategy was considered and rejected because it would be unnecessary and because the approach needs to be flexible enough to respond to future changes in technology.

#### 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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**24 October 2024**

**Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and  
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# Item 4

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

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| <b>Decision Maker:</b> | Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services |
| <b>Date:</b>           | 24 October 2024  |
| <b>Title:</b>          | Whitehill & Bordon Transport Strategy Update               |
| <b>Report From:</b>    | Director of Hampshire 2050                                 |

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#### 1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services approves the revised list of priority schemes for Whitehill & Bordon, as outlined in this report.
- 1.2. That the Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services approves the allocation of £2 million of developer contributions to refund local resources contributed by Hampshire County Council to the delivery of the relief road scheme.

#### 2. Reason for the decision:

- 2.1. A strategy is required to guide and manage the priority and spend of the Section 106 money held by Hampshire County Council for Whitehill and Bordon, to ensure that the priorities detailed in the 2015 strategy are revised and that interventions are taken forward support the Local Transport Plan objectives.
- 2.2. Funding was previously committed by the County Council to aid delivery of the Whitehill Bordon Relief Road scheme against various time constraints in 2015. Now that the scheme is complete and developer contributions have been identified, it is proposed to refund the County Council using developer contributions secured for the scheme.

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

- 3.1. The option of not producing a strategy was considered and rejected, because there is a need to provide strategic direction and principles for the development and delivery of transport schemes.
- 3.2. The production of a more detailed and proscriptive strategy was considered and rejected because it would be unnecessary and because the approach needs to be flexible enough to respond to future changes in policy and finances.

**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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**24 October 2024**

**Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and  
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Councillor Nick Adams-King**

# Item 5

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

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| <b>Decision Maker:</b> | Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services |
| <b>Date:</b>           | 24 October 2024  |
| <b>Title:</b>          | Awards from Community Grant Schemes                        |
| <b>Report From:</b>    | Director of Hampshire 2050                                 |

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#### 1. The decision:

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

- a) Twelve grants totalling £133,756 from the Leader's Community Grant Fund to cultural and community organisations in Hampshire, as set out in Appendix 1.
- b) Six grants totalling £80,744 from the Parish and Town Council Investment Fund, as set out in Appendix 2.
- c) Two grants totalling £9,750 from the Rural Communities Fund, as set out in Appendix 3.

1.2 That the Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services approves the proposed grant payment to HALC of £51,300 for the financial year 2024/25, this being the final award to HALC under current partnership arrangements.

#### 2. Reasons for the decision:

2.1 Twelve organisations have applied for a grant through the Leader's Community Grant Fund totalling £133,756, six organisations have applied for a grant from the Parish Town Council Investment Fund totalling £80,744 and two organisations have applied for a grant from the Rural Community Fund totalling £9,750, for 2024/25.

2.2 The report considers the applications and recommends the awards totalling £133,756 from the Leader's Community Grant Fund, £80,744 from the Parish Town Council Investment Fund and £9,750 from the Rural Community Fund. The recommended awards can be met from within existing budget provision.

2.3 The report considers the grant payment to HALC and recommends the awards totalling £51,300. The recommended award 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:**

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| <b>Approved by:</b><br><br>-----   | <b>Date:</b><br><br><b>24 October 2024</b> |
| <b>Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and<br/>Corporate Services<br/>Councillor Nick Adams-King</b> |  |

# Item 6

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

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| <b>Decision Maker:</b> | Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services                                 |
| <b>Date:</b>           | 24 October 2024  |
| <b>Title:</b>          | Partnership for South Hampshire Inter Authority Agreement for Local Nutrient Fund Projects |
| <b>Report From:</b>    | Director of Hampshire 2050   |

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#### 1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Director of Hampshire 2050 be granted delegated authority to conclude negotiations on the Partnership for South Hampshire Local Nutrient Mitigation Fund inter authority agreement, with the support of legal services, and enter into the agreement on behalf of the County Council.

#### 2. Reason for the decision:

- 2.1. To enable the County Council to fully participate in Partnership for South Hampshire Joint Committee meetings and take part in any debate on the Local Nutrient Mitigation Fund and associated capital programme.

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

- 3.1. The option to not enter the agreement was considered and rejected. Given that there is no financial liability for the County Council as a result of entering the agreement, it was deemed beneficial for the County Council to enter along with the other Partnership for South Hampshire members in order that it can fully participate in Joint Committee meetings.

#### 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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**24 October 2024**

**Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and  
Corporate Services  
Councillor Nick Adams-King**

# Item 7

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

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| <b>Decision Maker:</b> | Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services |
| <b>Date:</b>           | 24 October 2024  |
| <b>Title:</b>          | Andover Western Avenue – Preferred Option                  |
| <b>Report From:</b>    | Director of Hampshire 2050                                 |

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#### 1. The decision:

- 1.1 That the Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services notes the request from Test Valley Borough Council to make alterations to the highway in Andover to facilitate the delivery of its Andover Masterplan and a new linear park on Western Avenue.
- 1.2 That the Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services notes the letter from the Leader of Test Valley Borough Council that acknowledges the potential for disruption and congestion in the town centre during construction of the Western Avenue scheme and that the scheme may change future vehicle movements through Andover.
- 1.3 That the Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services approves the indicative preferred Highway Scheme as detailed in Appendix 1 and delegates authority to the Director of Universal Services to agree, in consultation and agreement with Test Valley Borough Council, the final preferred scheme.
- 1.4 That the Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services delegates authority to the Director of Universal Services to progress all design and development work necessary to enable completion of detailed design, make minor amendments and accommodate responses made in the planning application for the new park to be submitted by Test Valley Borough Council.
- 1.5 That the Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services delegates authority to the Director of Universal Services to work with the scheme promotor, Test Valley Borough Council, to progress all consents required including but not restricted to delivery agreements, funding agreements, land transfers and rights of easement.
- 1.6 That the Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services approves the allocation of £1.1million of Section 106 held by the County Council as a contribution towards the development and delivery of the preferred Scheme.

## **2. Reasons for the decision:**

- 2.1. Test Valley Borough Council has set out its aspirations for the regeneration and economic development of Andover Town Centre in the Andover Town Centre Masterplan and Hampshire County Council, as the local Highway Authority is in a position to facilitate these objectives. In order to facilitate the Masterplan significant changes are needed to the existing highway, including the reallocation of road space to achieve the placemaking and regeneration objectives.
- 2.2. This report is required to agree the preferred option for the highway changes to Western Avenue, seek the required delegated authority to complete design and progress the consents required prior to delivery.

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

- 3.1. The option of not supporting the highway changes proposed by Test Valley Borough Council as part of their masterplan was considered but rejected. The proposed highways changes are an important aspect of the proposals for Andover Town Centre as they release land for other uses and to support economic development of the town centre. Without the proposed changes the sustainable development principles underpinning the Andover Town Centre Masterplan may not be deliverable.

## **4. Conflicts of interest:**

- 4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: The Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services declared an interest in this item as he is the Cabinet Member for Strategic Regeneration and Partnerships (South) on Test Valley Borough Council and took no part in the discussion.

Under Part 3: Chapter 2: Paragraph 2.3 of the County Council's Constitution, the Deputy Leader agreed to depute this decision to the Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 (Climate Change, Culture and Partnerships) and HR, Communications and Performance.

- 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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**Councillor Zoe Huggins, Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 (Climate Change, Culture and Partnerships) and HR, Communications and Performance.**

**24 October 2024**

**(on behalf of the Executive Member for Hampshire Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services)**

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# Item 8

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

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| <b>Decision Maker:</b> | Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services |
| <b>Date:</b>           | 24 October 2024  |
| <b>Title:</b>          | Woodhouse Meadows - Updated Disposal Strategy              |
| <b>Report From:</b>    | Director of Hampshire 2050                                 |
|                        | (Summary of an Exempt Decision)                            |

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#### 1. The decision:

- 1.1 That the Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services delegates authority to the Director of Hampshire 2050 to approve the timing of the launch of marketing of the Woodhouse Meadows development, having consideration to the factors identified in paragraphs 36-39 of the accompanying report.
- 1.2 That authority be granted for all land edged red on the Site Plan provided in Appendix 1, including all housing land parcels, neighbouring SINC designated woodland and its buffer zones, to be offered in one marketing exercise, but with the intention to secure bids on the preferred basis but not precluding offers on an alternative basis – as set out in sections 26-35 of the accompanying report.
- 1.3 That the Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services delegates authority to the Director of Hampshire 2050 (in consultation with the Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services, the Chief Executive, Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Corporate Operations), following a Decision Gateway, to select the preferred purchaser on the basis set out in paragraphs 40-43 of the accompanying report and to settle the detailed terms and conditions including any adjustments to the purchase price that may be required to conclude the sale.

#### 2. Reason for the decision:

- 2.1. Following the decision in January 2023 to withdraw the Woodhouse Meadows site from the market due to the prevailing market conditions, this report seeks approval to an updated marketing strategy to support the sale of the site.

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

3.1 To proceed based on the existing, approved strategy which would be contrary to the findings of the recent soft market test.

**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:**

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| <b>Approved by:</b>  | <b>Date:</b>           |
| -----  | <b>24 October 2024</b> |
| <b>Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and<br/>Corporate Services<br/>Councillor Nick Adams-King</b> |                        |