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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 Highways and Waste Decision Day held remotely on Tuesday 28 January 2025

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Item 1

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Universal Services
Date:	28 January 2025
Title:	Project Appraisal: SCOLA Recladding at Hamble School, Warblington School and The Butts Primary School
Report From:	Director of Universal Services

Contact name: Max Whitlock

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The decision:

- 1.1 That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services approves the Project Appraisal for the SCOLA recladding at Hamble School, Warblington School and The Butts Primary School, as outlined in the report.
- 1.2 That approval be given to spend and enter into necessary contractual arrangements, in consultation with the Head of Legal Services, to implement the proposed SCOLA recladding together with associated works as set out in this report to:
 - Hamble School, at an estimated cost of £3.0million to be funded from School Condition Allocation
 - Warblington School, at an estimated cost of £3.0million to be funded from School Condition Allocation
 - The Butts Primary School, at an estimated cost of £1.4million to be funded from School Condition Allocation and developer contributions.
- 1.3 That authority to make the arrangements to implement the scheme, including minor variations to the design or contract, be delegated to the Director of Universal Services.
- 1.4 That authority is delegated to the Directory of Universal Services, in consultation with the Head of Legal Services, to progress any orders, notices, or statutory procedures and secure any consents, licences, permissions, rights or easements necessary to enable implementation of this scheme.

2. Reason for the decision:

2.1 To improve the condition of the buildings to bring them up to modern standards improving thermal performance and to reduce maintenance costs and provide fit for purpose spaces for education.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1 Continued reactive maintenance of the buildings. This was rejected as the building components are life expired and need replacement.

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:

28 January 2025

**Executive Lead Member for Universal Services
Councillor Kirsty North**

Item 2

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Universal Services
Date:	28 January 2025
Title:	Reroofing and Thermal Improvement Programme
Report From:	Director of Universal Services

Contact name: Max Whitlock

Email: max.whitlock@hants.gov.uk

1. The decision:

- 1.1 That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services approves the Project Appraisal for the reroofing and thermal improvement works at Bursledon Junior School, Fleet Infant School, Gomer Infant School, Kings School, Kingsclere Primary school and Wootey Infant School as outlined in the report.
- 1.2 That approval be given to spend and enter into necessary contractual arrangements, in consultation with the Head of Legal Services, to implement the proposed reroofing and thermal improvement works as set out in this report subject to approval of the funding at:
 - Bursledon Junior School, at an estimated cost of £0.55 million to be funded from School Condition Allocation
 - Fleet Infant School at an estimated cost of £0.75 million to be funded from School Condition Allocation
 - Gomer Infant School at an estimated cost of £0.55 million to be funded from School Condition Allocation
 - Kings School, at an estimated cost of £0.75 million to be funded from School Condition Allocation
 - Kingsclere Primary School, at an estimated cost of £0.55 million to be funded from School Condition Allocation
 - Wootey Infant School, at an estimated cost of £0.55 million to be funded from School Condition Allocation.
- 1.3 That authority to make the arrangements to implement the scheme, including minor variations to the design or contract, be delegated to the Director of Universal Services.
- 1.4 That authority is delegated to the Director of Universal Services, in consultation with the Head of Legal Services, to progress any orders, notices, or statutory procedures and secure any consents, licences, permissions, rights or easements necessary to enable implementation of this scheme.

2. Reason for the decision:

2.1. To improve the condition of the buildings to bring them up to modern standards including thermal improvements, to reduce maintenance costs and provide fit for purpose spaces for education.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. Continued reactive maintenance of the buildings. This was rejected as the building components are life expired and need replacement.

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: ----- Executive Lead Member for Universal Services Councillor Kirsty North	Date: 28 January 2025
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Item 3

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Universal Services
Date:	28 January 2025
Title:	Botley Bypass – Award of Construction Contract
Report From:	Director of Universal Services

Contact name: Ben Smith

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services gives authority to spend and enter into the necessary contractual arrangements to implement the final phase of Botley Bypass as set out in the supporting report, at a cost of £48.22m to be funded by from local resources (£46.02m) and developer contributions (£2.2m).
- 1.2. That authority to make the arrangements to implement the scheme, including minor variations to the design or contract, be delegated to the Director of Universal Services.
- 1.3. That authority be delegated to the Director of Universal Services, in consultation with the Head of Legal Services, to progress any orders, notices, or statutory procedures and secure any consents, licences, permissions, agreements, rights or easements necessary to enable implementation of this project.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. The final phase of Botley Bypass creates a new single-carriageway road from Winchester Street (eastwards), crossing the River Hamble via a 70m span bridge to a new roundabout at the A334 / A3051 junction (Appendix A provides layout plans and images of project).
- 2.2. The new road links to the earlier phase infrastructure works in Woodhouse Lane which support Deer Park School, new residential development and honours a long-standing commitment by the County Council.
- 2.3. The strategic case and budget for the project has previously been approved by the Executive Lead Member for Economy, Transport and Environment (now Universal Services), Cabinet and Full Council.
- 2.4. This report focusses on the award of the construction contract. The project will:

- improve transport connectivity across the wider area
- unlock strategic development areas and significantly improve travel and journey times around Botley and the surrounding communities.
- divert traffic from Botley Village centre which is severely congested during peak times
- address air quality targets within an Air Quality Management Area (Botley Village)
- reduce community severance, reduce noise and improve health in the village centre, with the opportunity to significantly improve active travel by providing pedestrians and cyclists with a new shared use path allowing full connectivity with the new developments at Deer Park, Boorley Green and One Horton Heath. This will create an important cycle route linking Eastleigh Town Centre in the west to Segensworth via Whiteley to the south-east.

2.5 This final phase of the bypass has been developed and costed in partnership with Milestone Infrastructure.

2.6 This project is fully funded and aligns with the Strategic Plan (Maintain strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity; enable people to live safe, healthy and independent lives; enable people to enjoy a rich and diverse environment and enable people to enjoy being part of a strong and inclusive community).

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. **Do not deliver the final phase of the bypass** – this is not recommended as the strategic outcomes, benefits, and objectives of the full project will not be realised as previously approved by the Executive Lead Member for Economy, Transport and Environment and funded with the agreement of Cabinet and Full Council.

3.2. **Develop an alternative proposal to achieve similar objectives or construct specific elements only** – this is not recommended as the preferred option has previously been consulted upon and approved. Land assembly, planning consent and approvals have been secured and detailed work has been undertaken in partnership with Milestone Infrastructure to develop an affordable and deliverable solution. Significant abortive cost would be incurred and additional fees required to develop an alternative proposal which is unlikely to generate a scheme with improved value

3.3. **Defer to the project for potential delivery at a future date** – this is not recommended as a range of consents will lapse and extensive fees will be incurred to refresh the project at a future date. Construction costs will increase and the realisation of community benefits will be delayed

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:

28 January 2025

**Executive Lead Member for Universal Services
Councillor Kirsty North**

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Item 4

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Universal Services
Date:	28 January 2025
Title:	Annual Review of the Policy for the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000
Report From:	Director of Universal Services

Contact name: Richard Strawson

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1. The decision:

1.1 That the County Council's proposed Policy in relation to the use of covert investigative techniques, attached as appendix 1 to the report, be approved.

2. Reason for the decision:

2.1 To ensure Hampshire County Council continues to comply with the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000, as amended by the Protections of Freedoms Act 2012 and Investigative Powers Act 2016, in such a manner that supports the County Council's Strategic Plan.

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:

28 January 2025

**Executive Lead Member for Universal Services
Councillor Kirsty North**

Item 5
Appendix 1 – Schedule of transactions

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Universal Services
Date:	28 January 2025
Title:	Property Services Asset Decisions
Report From:	Director of Universal Services
	(Summary of an Exempt Decision)

Contact name: Rachel Childs

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the proposed transactions shown in the schedule be approved.
- 1.2. That the Director of Universal Services be authorised to settle the detailed terms and conditions.

2. Reason for the decision:

- 2.1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval to a series of proposed transactions which will ensure efficient and effective use of the County Council's property assets.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Not Applicable.

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:

Appendix 1 – Schedule of transactions

Approved by:

Date:

28 January 2025

**Executive Lead Member for Universal Services
Councillor Kirsty North**

Item 6

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Highways and Waste
Date:	28 January 2025
Title:	Highways Disruption Charging (Lane Rental) Scheme Development
Report From:	Director of Universal Services

Contact name: Ian Ackerman

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Executive Member for Highways and Waste notes the progress on the project, the potential cost to the County Council and the projected timeline for developing and implementing a scheme.
- 1.2. That the Executive Member for Highways and Waste agrees to continue with the development of a draft Disruption Charging scheme for formal consultation in Summer 2025.

2. Reason for the decision:

- 2.1. The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of the proposal to develop and implement a Disruption Charging (Lane Rental) Scheme for strategic elements of the public highway network in Hampshire that are maintained by the County Council. An indicative map of the proposed network, that will be subject to disruption charging has been developed to illustrate the routes likely to be included in any formal scheme. This is included as Appendix A.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 1.1. The option to not progress a disruption charging scheme was considered and rejected on the basis that the County Council could miss the opportunity to reduce disruption resulting from essential works on the highway network.
- 1.2. The option to delay progressing the disruption charging scheme was considered. This was rejected as early investigations and evidence from neighbouring authorities indicate that schemes can deliver a significant reduction in congestion on key routes. There are a number of stages to go through in developing a scheme, so it is recommended that work continue on developing a scheme with the aspiration of delivery around spring 2026.

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:

In considering this decision today, I note that the position has changed since paragraph 9 of the decision report was drafted. Paragraph 9 states that: "Surplus funds can also be used for schemes, projects or research aimed at reducing traffic congestion, i.e. the surplus should not be used for repairing potholes caused by general wear and tear or, for example, bad weather." This is now incorrect as the Government will be seeking a change to secondary legislation later this year that will enable up to 50% of funding received from disruption charging to be retained specifically for highway maintenance purposes, which could include repairing potholes. This change is expected to be in place by the time the County Council secures the necessary powers in 2026.

Approved by: -----	Date: 28 January 2025
Executive Member for Highways and Waste Councillor Lulu Bowerman	