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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 Environment and Transport Decision Day held at the Castle, Winchester on Tuesday, 17th July, 2018

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#### HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

#### **Executive Decision Record**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Environment and Transport
Date:	17 July 2018
Title:	Project Appraisal: Romsey Town Centre Improvements Phase 3 – Market Place
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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#### 1. The decision:

- 1.1 That the Executive Member for Environment and Transport approves the Project Appraisal for the Phase 3 Market Place, Romsey, accessibility improvement scheme, as outlined in the supporting report.
- 1.2 That approval is given to procure and spend and enter into necessary contractual arrangements to implement the proposed improvements to Market Place, Romsey, as set out in the supporting report, at an estimated cost of £1,594,000 to be funded by developer contributions, Test Valley Borough Council funding, and Hampshire County Council Market Town and public realm improvement funding.
- 1.3 That authority to make the arrangements to implement the scheme, including minor variations to the design or contract, is delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment.

#### 2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1 To make Romsey town centre more accessible to pedestrians and cyclists, and the area more attractive for all who live, work and shop there. The improvements will provide residents, as well as the many visitors to the area, with a fresh looking town centre that will be easier to navigate on foot, and will also be in keeping with the town's historic character.
- 2.2 The scheme will provide an increased, well defined pedestrian area and wider level pavements, which provide more space for pedestrians to enjoy the town centre, with better crossing opportunities for all users.
- 2.3 The improvements will widen existing footways around Market Place while also creating a large open pedestrian area around the existing Lord

- Palmerston statue which can also be utilised for public events or for the provision of additional market stall areas to help the town centre thrive.
- 2.4 To reduce vehicle speeds and remove the dominance of motor vehicles in the town centre area which will encourage visitors to walk and explore the town centre.

# 3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1 Alternatives to this option (option 1) were considered, and these included:
  - Option 2, creating the large piazza style build out on the southern side of Market Place while maintaining two way traffic, and
  - Option 3, which was an alternative to option 2. This entailed the same layout of option 2 but with the introduction of a one way system for northbound traffic.
- 3.2 Option 2 and Option 3 were rejected as a result of the consultation undertaken in November and December of 2016 where Option 1 was the preferred option as voted on by the public. In February 2017, the Romsey Town Centre Enhancement - Project Board agreed to progress Option 1 to detailed design.
- 3.3 The "do nothing" option, was rejected due to the poor pedestrian facilities currently available and the fact that the existing arrangements preclude access for some visitors to Romsey. Improving the surfaces of the footway, but not providing a level surface was also considered, but this was rejected as it would not provide the improved accessibility options required to meet the needs of all users.

## 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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Executive Member for Environment and Transport Councillor Rob Humby	



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#### **Executive Decision Record**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Environment and Transport	
Date:	17 July 2018	
Title:	Project Appraisal: Eclipse Busway: Completion of Phase 1	
Report From: Director of Economy, Transport and Environment		

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### 1. The decision:

- 1.1 That the Executive Member for Environment and Transport approves the Project Appraisal for the completion of Phase 1 of the Eclipse Busway in Gosport, as outlined in the supporting report.
- 1.2 That, subject to County Council approving the recommendation to provide up to £2.5 million of funding to underwrite the scheme in the event that further grant funding cannot be secured:
  - 1.2.1 That approval is given to procure and spend and enter into the necessary contractual arrangements to implement the proposed improvements to complete Phase 1 of the Eclipse Busway, as set out in the supporting report, at an estimated cost of £9.53 million to be funded from £6.93 million from the Department for Transport's National Productivity Investment Fund, £100,000 from the profit share from Phase 1 of the busway, and £2.5 million from Hampshire County Council.
  - 1.2.2 The Executive Member approves the increase in funding of this scheme in the 2018/19 programme.
  - 1.2.3 That authority to make the arrangements to implement Phase 1 of the Eclipse Busway, including minor variations to the design and contract, is delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment.
  - 1.2.4 That authority is given to adopt the land on which the busway and relocated shared use footway/cycleway are constructed, from the back of verge to back of verge, including the new acoustic and boundary fences, as public highway.
  - 1.2.5 That authority be delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment and the Head of Legal Services to progress any appropriate temporary or permanent Traffic Regulation Orders, Notices

or statutory procedures and obtain any consents rights or easements to enable or facilitate the delivery of Phase 1 of the Eclipse Busway.

### 2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1 To improve the public transport offering to and from the Gosport peninsular and support the wider regional strategy of improving access to Fareham and Gosport.
- 2.2 The completion of Phase 1 of the Eclipse Busway ("the Scheme") will provide a southern extension to the award winning Eclipse Busway from Fareham to Gosport. It is a 0.9 kilometre extension from Hutfield Link/Tichborne Way to Rowner Road at an estimated cost of £9.53 million. The Scheme forms the final phase of a planned busway forecast to deliver additional time savings, patronage growth, modal shift, access to key development sites, and improved air quality. The Scheme will also facilitate a new 'Eclipse Extra' bus service to the Solent Enterprise Zone at Daedalus.
- 2.3 The proposal to extend the busway will deliver journey time savings of approximately 3 minutes per single journey in each direction, representing a journey time saving of 8% over the existing E1 & E2 services. Eclipse services already provide high levels of journey time consistency and the completion of Phase 1 will improve this further by avoiding congested sections of the A32.
- 2.4 The Gosport peninsular suffers from significant traffic congestion, restricting the growth of the local economy. Key sites and developments such as Gosport Waterfront and the Solent Enterprise Zone need to be better linked to the public transport network. This project improves those links. This commitment underlines the belief that investment in access to the Gosport Peninsula will help remove the transport barriers to growth and encourage investment at key sites including the Solent Enterprise Zone as well as helping to reduce journey times in congested urban areas.
- 2.5 Hampshire County Council secured £6.93 million from the Government's National Productivity Investment Fund (NPIF) in October 2017 for the Scheme. The County Council will contribute £2.5 million of capital funding with an additional £100,000 being provided from the profit share from Phase 1A of the busway.
- 2.6 Once complete, First Hampshire and Dorset will invest £3 million in a new fleet of seventeen high specification, low-emission buses to provide fast and high-frequency services on the busway, as well as introducing a new Eclipse Extra service to the Enterprise Zone.
- 2.7 Success of the proposal will be measured by further increases in busway patronage and a transfer of trips from the local road network.

- 3. Other options considered and rejected:
- 3.1 Several options were considered as part of the original Eclipse scheme development, including improved local bus services through Quality Bus Partnerships; on-street bus priority where possible; guided buses with a mix of on-track and on-street running; trolley buses; trams; and heavy rail. The assessment process concluded that a combination of a busway and on-street running provided the best balance between benefits and deliverability.
- 3.2 Do nothing. This option will not deliver the necessary air quality and public transport improvements offered by this proposal.
- 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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#### **Executive Decision Record**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Environment and Transport	
Date:	17 July 2018	
Title: ETE Capital Programme 2017/18 End of Year & Quarter 1 2018/19 Report		
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment	

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#### 1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Executive Member for Environment and Transport approves the adjustment of the 2018/19 Structural Maintenance programme to £69.72 million.
- 1.2. That the Executive Member for Environment and Transport notes the achievements made in the Economy, Transport, and Environment capital programme in 2017/18 and progress made to date in the 2018/19 capital programme.

#### 2. Reason for the decision:

2.1. To provide authority to make adjustments to the Economy, Transport and Environment Capital Programme to reflect the developing context for delivery and ensure efficient progress of the County Council's capital projects.

## 3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. To not provide authority to amend the Capital Programme. This option was rejected on the basis that it would obstruct the timely and efficient delivery of capital projects.

#### 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.

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7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

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#### **Executive Decision Record**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Environment and Transport	
Date:	17 July 2018	
Title:	Hamble Lane Improvements	
Report From: Director of Economy, Transport and Environment		

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### 1. The decision:

- 1.1. That feedback from the first public consultation, and the overall high level of support for the principle of improvements to Hamble Lane, is noted.
- 1.2. That the proposed improvements, which have been developed and informed by comments received in response to the public consultation, and are outlined in the supporting report, are approved for adoption as the preferred scheme.
- 1.3. That approval is given to undertake a second round of public consultation in summer 2018 to seek views on the preferred scheme, and also to seek views on the prioritisation of different elements of the scheme.
- 1.4. That following the second public consultation, the preferred scheme is modified as appropriate to take into account local views, and that the resulting scheme be developed to detailed design stage.

#### 2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. To ensure that comments from the first public consultation are taken account of during the design of the scheme and to ensure that the public are given the opportunity to comment upon the preferred scheme that has been developed.
- 2.2. In advance of progressing towards implementation it is vital to ascertain whether there is public support for such a scheme and the impacts it would entail.

# 3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Not progressing the scheme proposals any further would be contrary to the high level of public support for improvements. This option would mean that existing traffic issues would not be addressed, and monies held from local development sites towards transport improvements would not be spent.
- 3.2. Not undertaking another public consultation would mean that local residents' views on the proposed scheme would not be taken into account. Local people use the road every day and are therefore directly affected, so it is imperative

that their views form part of the decision over whether to progress the proposed scheme, the prioritisation of key elements, and/or whether any modifications are required prior to progressing.

- 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:

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#### **Executive Decision Record**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Environment and Transport
Date:	17 July 2018
Title: Project Appraisal: Barncroft Way/New Road, Havant Accessibility and Safety Improvements	
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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#### 1. The decision:

- 1.1 That the Executive Member for Environment and Transport approves the Project Appraisal for the proposed cycle and pedestrian improvements in Barncroft Way and New Road, Havant, as outlined in the supporting report.
- 1.2 That approval is given to procure and spend and enter into necessary contractual arrangements to implement the proposed improvements to Barncroft Way and New Road, Havant, as set out in the supporting report, at an estimated cost of £311,000, to be funded from Developer Contributions, Local Transport Plan grant, and Hampshire County Council Structural Maintenance funding.
- 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 Economy, Transport and Environment.

## 2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1 To improve accessibility for pedestrians and cyclists by:
  - Widening the existing footways in New Road between the Park Road North roundabout junction and Barncroft Way;
  - Upgrading the existing Pelican crossing in New Road to a Toucan Crossing in order to allow cyclists and pedestrians to cross New Road in a safe, controlled manner;
  - Widening the existing footway (eastern side) in Barncroft Way between the junction with New Road and Stockheath lane to improve access for both pedestrians and cyclists, and to provide the missing link of cycle

- infrastructure between New Road and the existing shared use cycle path in Barncroft Way (near Hermitage Stream); and
- Prohibiting right turn movements (by Traffic Regulation Order) from Barncroft Way into New Road, in order to resolve a longstanding accident problem of vehicles exiting the junction of Barncroft Way into New Road (and travelling south in New Road).
- 3. Other options considered and rejected:
- 3.1 A total of seven locations requiring improvement were identified in the feasibility study. However, due to the limited funding available, it was felt that the schemes should be prioritised. The key findings of this process were that the two top priorities (New Road and Barncroft Way), as outlined in Havant's District Statement, should be delivered first, and the other priorities could be addressed once additional funding became available.
- 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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#### **Executive Decision Record**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Environment and Transport	
Date:	17 July 2018	
Title:	Passenger Transport Grants	
Report From: Director of Economy, Transport and Environment		

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### 1. The decision:

- 1.1. That a grant of £3,000 be awarded to the East Hants Community Rail Partnership to contribute towards its operating costs as detailed in the grant application for the period 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019.
- 1.2. That a grant of £7,000 be awarded to the Three Rivers Community Rail Partnership to contribute towards its operating costs as detailed in the grant application for the period 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019.
- 1.3. That a grant of £10,000 be awarded to the Lymington-Brockenhurst Community Rail Partnership to contribute towards its operating costs as detailed in the grant application for the period 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019.
- 1.4. That a grant of £6,500 be awarded to YelaBus for the period 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019, on the basis that, in addition to the Council's normal conditions of grant, the following grant conditions will also be met:

That YelaBus will:

- a) Provide a 'group hire' minibus operation under Section 19 Standard Permits, issued under Section 19 of the Transport Act 1985 (as amended by the provisions in the Local Transport Act 2008), to enable eligible local and voluntary and community groups to hire minibuses at affordable rates.
- b) Maintain a pool of volunteer drivers so that minibuses can be provided for hire, complete with a Minibus Driver Awareness Scheme (MiDAS) trained driver where requested.
- c) Ensure that charges made to passengers and vehicle hirers include an element of depreciation so that YelaBus accrues money towards replacing its vehicles.
- d) Provide quarterly activity and financial reports to the Council for the scheme.

e) Work with the Council's Community Transport and Contracts Team on community transport matters in Hart to identify the need for and assist in the development of local community transport.

### 2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1 The applications put forward by the East Hants Community Rail Partnership, the Three Rivers Community Rail Partnership, and the Lymington-Brockenhurst Community Rail Partnership show that these organisations aim to promote greater use of Hampshire's local rail stations and rail services through co-operative working between local authorities, train operators, businesses, and local volunteers for the benefit of the local community.
- 2.2 The work undertaken by the Community Rail Partnerships at small local stations helps to promote travel opportunities within a safe environment which will help people live healthy and independent lives.
- 2.3 The award of the YelaBus grant will help to improve accessibility by providing people with access to key services and activities. For many people these services offer a valuable opportunity to travel and live independently.
- 2.4 YelaBus will be reminded of the need to become more self sufficient in the future with diminishing budgets and community rail partnerships encouraged to look at alternative sources of funding, for example the new railway franchise operator.

# 3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Not awarding the grants to the Community Rail Partnerships could have an impact on the numbers of people using services in the partnership area and on this basis this option has been rejected.
- 3.2. Not awarding a grant to YelaBus could result in some people not having access to key services and activities, and undermine the sustainability of the scheme in the longer term. On this basis, this option has also been rejected.

#### 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:

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#### HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

#### **Executive Decision Record**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Environment and Transport
Date:	17 July 2018
Title:	Andover Villages Bus Service and Winchester to Petersfield 67 Bus Service
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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#### 1. The decision:

- 1.1. That approval is given to award a new contract under the public bus dynamic purchasing system for the Andover Villages Bus Service (formerly known as Andover Cango) to commence on 7 October 2018 until 6 October 2019 with the option to extend in increments until 31 March 2021, at a maximum annual cost of £105,442 (and a potential total cost of £263,605 should the contract be fully extended), to be met from the Public Bus Budget.
- 1.2. That approval is given to award a new contract under the public bus dynamic purchasing system for the Winchester to Petersfield 67 Bus Service to commence on 1 September 2018 and operate until 31 July 2019 with the option to extend in increments until 31 July 2021, at a maximum annual cost of £175,729 (and a potential total cost of £512,543 should the contract be fully extended), to be met from the Public Bus Budget and the Home to School Transport Budget as detailed within the attached report.

#### 2. Reason for the decision:

2.1. Approval to award the two contracts will ensure service continuity until the outcomes of the public consultation on the proposals to change supported passenger transport services are known. Once the responses to the consultation have been published, these contracts will be varied as necessary by negotiation with the operators to bring them into line with both the outcome of the consultation and the budgets available.

## 3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. Ceasing the services. Both services are subject to the countywide consultation on supported passenger transport services. Awarding contracts

- will enable the services to run until the outcomes of the consultation are known.
- 3.2. Issuing single tender contracts to the existing providers. This option was rejected in order to comply with procurement regulations and to enable the Council to award tenders until 2021.
- 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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