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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 Economy, Transport and Environment Decision Day held virtually via Microsoft Teams on Wednesday, 2nd December, 2020

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Item 1

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
Date:	2 December 2020
Title:	Brighton Hill Roundabout: Project Appraisal Update
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision

- 1.1 That the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment notes the outcome of the public consultation on revisions to the preferred Brighton Hill Roundabout scheme, including removal of the underpasses, as well as the recent rejection of the planning application for the Camrose development, and on this basis gives approval to implement a revised Brighton Hill Roundabout Scheme, as set out in the supporting report and detailed in Appendix 1.
- 1.2 That the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment notes the EM3 LEP amendment of its grant funding for the Brighton Hill Roundabout scheme from £13.0million to £11.65million, reflecting the removal of Camrose Link Road, and gives approval to enter into any contractual and funding agreements accordingly in consultation with the Head of Legal Services.
- 1.3 That approval is given for the revised total scheme costs of £19.3million.

2. Reasons for the decision

- 2.1 The preferred scheme approved by the Executive Member for Environment and Transport on 13 November 2018 included provision to retain and extend the existing subway structures, the closure of the Western Way entry onto the roundabout, and provision of a new Camrose Link Road linking Western Way through to a new signalised junction with the A30. Whilst the option to retain the subways and construction of the new Camrose Link Road through the Camrose site was considered feasible at the time, subsequent development of the design, and a refusal of planning consent by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, has necessitated a revision to the preferred design, as detailed in Appendix A.

- 2.2 The development of the design and an improved understanding provided by subsequent ground and structural surveys has revealed unexpected complexities and challenges which exceed the funding available for the project. At-grade controlled crossing facilities were previously included in the design as a suitable surface level alternative to provide safe access for pedestrians and cyclists, and these will be retained.
- 2.3 A developer led planning application necessary to allow the timely construction of the Camrose Link Road was recently refused by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council. The impact of this decision will require the Camrose Link Road to be removed from the design, and a reinstatement of the Western Way access onto Brighton Hill roundabout.
- 2.4 Whilst revising the scheme will incur additional expenditure (with a worsening budgetary position as result of the revisions to Western Way and the expected increase in cost due to the likely need for social distancing during construction), on balance a reduced level of EM3 LEP grant funding is expected to be required to complete the project. Revised project costs are estimated at £19.3million and, as such, the LEP is seeking the return of £1.35million of the grant funding, thereby reducing the grant received from £13.0million to £11.65million.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1 Do Nothing. With the inclusion of the subways, the scheme is unaffordable and would need to be abandoned, and all the grant funding returned. With the refusal of the planning permission for the Camrose development the preferred scheme cannot be constructed. A do nothing option was therefore rejected.
- 3.2 Retaining and extending only two of the subways. Consideration was given to retaining and extending only the two subways with the highest levels of use as a potentially lower cost option. This option was rejected as the estimated cost would still exceed the approved budget by £2.4million.
- 3.3 Complete removal and replacement of two subways. As well as options for retaining and extending the existing structures, consideration was given to the complete replacement of the subways with entirely new structures. This was rejected as the estimated costs for doing so would exceed the approved funding by £7.3million.
- 3.4 An option to delay the scheme whilst additional funding is sought to bridge the gap for retaining or replacing the subways was also considered. Delaying the scheme would mean the terms of the grant funding would not be met and the funding would need to be returned as it could not be spent within the funding timeframe ending 31 March 2022. This option was rejected as it would leave the scheme with a significant budget short fall, with no guarantee of future funding, and likely having missed the opportunity for implementing important capacity improvements necessary to offset the future levels of traffic growth along the A30 corridor.

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:**

I thank Councillor Andrew McCormick from Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council for speaking at my Decision Day.

Approved by:

Date:

2 December 2020

**Executive Member for Economy, Transport and
Environment
Councillor Rob Humby**

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Item 2

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
Date:	2 December 2020
Title:	The Divestment of Skanska Infrastructure Services and Novation of Contracts
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That, subject to the successful completion of the due diligence process, the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment delegates authority to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment, in consultation with the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment, to approve the Single Tender Award and enter into contractual arrangements for the novation of the Hampshire Highways Service Contract, the Gen 3-3 Civil Engineering, Highways and Transportation Infrastructure Works Framework contract 2016-2020 and the Gen 4-3 Civil Engineering, Highways and Transportation Collaborative Framework contract 2020-2024 to the new service provider.
- 1.2. That, subject to the successful completion of the due diligence process, the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment approves the novation of the Hampshire Highways Service Contract, the Gen 3-3 Civil Engineering, Highways and Transportation Infrastructure Works Framework contract 2016-2020 and the Gen 4-3 Civil Engineering, Highways and Transportation Collaborative Framework contract 2020-2024, as set out in the supporting report, from Skanska Construction UK Ltd to the new service provider.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. The decision to novate the contracts to a new service provider is due to Skanska Construction UK Ltd divesting the Infrastructure Services division of its organisation.
- 2.2. The decision to delegate authority to approve the new service provider is to ensure the novations are processed in a timely manner and the County Council can start to work with the new service provider to ensure a smooth transition with minimal effects on service delivery.
- 2.3. Spend for these contracts is already in place and the novation process will not substantially change the obligations under the contracts.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. That the novation of the contracts from Skanska Construction UK Ltd to a new service provider is refused. This option has been rejected, as refusing to novate the contract would conflict with Regulation 72 (1) (d) (ii) of the Public Contract Regulations 2015 and could ultimately end up with the County Council not having a highways maintenance service provider.

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: Not applicable

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:

2 December 2020

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Item 3

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
Date:	2 December 2020
Title:	Outer Winchester – Strategic Flood and Water Management Pilot Programme
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- 1.1 That the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment notes that some initial highway maintenance and other works along Springvale Road in Kings Worthy and Headbourne Worthy have been included in the current works programme, and a project appraisal will be brought forward for further work in due course.
- 1.2 That approval is given to undertake a strategic study of the sub-catchment area of the River Itchen north of Winchester in order to identify options for long term improvements to flood and water management in support of forthcoming mitigation measures, as outlined in the supporting report.
- 1.3 That the proposed study should be developed in two phases with a further report to the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment on completion of Phase 1.

2. Reasons for the Decision:

- 2.1. Following incidents in previous years, notably 2000/01, in 2014 rising groundwater levels and surface water caused flooding to properties, including private cesspits, in Littleton, Headbourne Worthy and Kings Worthy. Also significantly affected were the Southern Water Waste Treatment Site, and the Sir John Moore Barracks, which lost critical parts of its training facilities. Local business and use of the highway network were disrupted, particularly at Andover Road (B3420) and Springvale Road in Kings Worthy, for an extended period of time.
- 2.2. Since that event, the County Council, working with the local parish, city and county councillors, the Environment Agency, Winchester City Council, Defence Infrastructure Organisation, Southern Water, residents and landowners, has investigated measures to manage the flood risk in the area.
- 2.3. As the drainage systems of Littleton, Headbourne Worthy and Kings Worthy are interlinked, an integrated approach has been adopted to ensure that the causes and dynamics of the flooding are understood, that the contribution of the sub-

catchment as a whole are taken into consideration, and that measures developed for one area do not lead to flooding elsewhere.

- 2.4. A joint programme of works has now been developed with Hampshire Highways for the Headbourne Worthy and Kings Worthy area. Approval has already been given for a first tranche of work, and implementation will commence before the end of the year. A Project Appraisal for a second tranche of drainage improvements will be submitted to the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and the Environment in early 2021 with the intention of completing the works before the end of the year. A Project Appraisal detailing work to be undertaken in the Littleton area will also be presented next year with completion also planned for late 2021.
- 2.5. While the implementation of the flood mitigation measures will significantly benefit the above areas, there will be a residual risk of flooding. The extensive investigations, feasibility and development work that has been undertaken to develop the measures now being proposed have demonstrated that 'traditional' engineering led options will only be part of the response, and that a strategic approach is required to explore how the complex flood and water management issues in this location might potentially be alleviated.
- 2.6. The strategic study now being proposed will support the delivery of the programme of works for Littleton, Headbourne Worthy and Kings Worthy, will inform future improvements at this and other locations that share similar characteristics, and contribute towards the County Council's four strategic aims (Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic, growth and prosperity; People in Hampshire live safe, healthy and independent lives; People in Hampshire enjoy a rich and diverse environment; and People in Hampshire enjoy being part of strong, inclusive communities) and Hampshire's Local Flood and Water Management Strategy.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. A 'do nothing' approach would not align with the County Council's Local Flood and Water Management Strategy.

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:

I thank Councillor Jackie Porter for attending my Decision Day and speaking in support of the proposals.

Approved by:

Date:

2 December 2020

**Executive Member for Economy, Transport and
Environment
Councillor Rob Humby**

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Item 4

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
Date:	2 December 2020
Title:	Pedestrian Access to Household Waste Recycling Centre Trial
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment defer the decision until a future Decision Day in early 2021 following further investigation by officers.

2. Reason for the decision:

- 2.1 HWRCs are an important public service and are the only frontline waste service provided by the County Council to the residents of Hampshire. At present uncontrolled pedestrian and cycle access to the sites is not allowed for safety reasons. The deployment of a pre-booking system earlier this year, to manage the significant demand for access to sites following the Government decision to allow visits to such facilities during the continued pandemic restrictions, provides an opportunity to manage site access in a controlled manner.
- 2.2. The pre-booking system allows a new opportunity to test the impacts of excluding vehicles for short periods in order to safely enable pedestrian access. Following consideration of the specific local request raised in a deputation to the Council on 24 September 2020, it is proposed to pilot an opportunity to facilitate controlled pedestrian and cycle access to the local HWRC at New Alresford, to allow a further evaluation of the issues, challenges, utilisation and benefits.
- 2.3. Should safety issues arise at any point throughout the pilot, or should circumstances change significantly, it is vital that the County Council is able to respond as flexibly and rapidly as possible, and for this reason it is recommended that authority be delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment, in consultation with the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment, to take appropriate action to prioritise safety and legal compliance at short notice.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Admitting pedestrian access on an uncontrolled basis has been rejected due to the inherent safety risks created by mixing pedestrians and vehicles. This is in

line with the Waste Industry Safety and Health (WISH) guidance from the Health and Safety Executive (HSE).

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 both deputations and Members for attending to speak at my Decision Day on these items. In light the valid points made, I will defer this decision until early 2021 to allow further investigation by officers with regards to the implications and what we hope to achieve to ensure maximum benefit of a pilot. Having a potential pilot in the spring will also give us more data to refer to as HWRC's are utilised more by residents, and any plans can also consider the further lifting of restrictions following the Covid-19 pandemic should they happen before that time.

Approved by:

Date:

2 December 2020

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Councillor Rob Humby**

Item 5

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
Date:	2 December 2020
Title:	Utilities Diversions, Chickenhall Lane, Eastleigh
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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The decision:

- 1.1 That authority is given to enter into a funding agreement with Southern Water to implement the utilities diversion works in Chickenhall Lane, Eastleigh, as set out in the supporting report, at an estimated cost of £490,900 to be funded from the Waste and Resources capital budget and a contribution from the previous landowner.
- 1.2 That authority is delegated to the Director of Economy Transport and Environment to enter into the necessary contractual arrangements, including a funding agreement, in consultation with the Head of Legal Services.

Reason for the decision:

- 2.1 This decision is required to ensure that development is not restricted on a site that has the potential to provide recycling services infrastructure in the future that will be required to meet legislative changes.

Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1 The option not to fund the works has been considered and rejected as this would lead to sterilisation of a large portion of the site, restricting its development potential and ruling it out from being a viable location for key infrastructure.

Conflicts of interest:

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

Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: none.

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

Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by:

Date:

2 December 2020

**Executive Member for Economy, Transport and
Environment
Councillor Rob Humby**

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