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Executive Decision Records

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Item 1

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
Date:	11 March 2021
Title:	Hartford Bridge Flats Junction Improvement Scheme: Project 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 approves the design approach for the Hartford Bridge Flats Junction Improvement Scheme, as set out in the supporting report.
- 1.2 That authority is given to seek planning permission to progress the construction of the new section of carriageway.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1 This scheme seeks to introduce a fourth arm to the roundabout junction which will overcome the absence of provision for traffic wishing to travel southbound on Blackbushes Road from the A327 and the A30 eastbound. Should the proposed scheme be implemented, this traffic will no longer be required to divert east along the A30 and U-turn at the downstream A30 Blackbushe Roundabout, which currently adds pressure onto the adjacent junction and exacerbates traffic movements along this important secondary link to the M3 in this area.
- 2.2 The provision of a fourth arm would introduce benefits as follows:
 - Significant journey time savings would be expected to result from the removal of the need for u-turning at the A30 Blackbushe Roundabout, as there would otherwise be circa 240 vehicles making a U-turn in the AM peak hour and 290 in the PM peak hour alone. In addition, there would be journey time savings for the traffic no longer required to U-turn and estimates are that in the AM peak hour this would equate to approximately 300 vehicle minutes saved, with a corresponding saving of 360 vehicle minutes in the PM peak hour.
- 2.3 The proposals in this report will enable the scheme to progress to the preparation of a full Project Appraisal, subject to planning permission and

land acquisition, to be presented to the Executive Member for approval, which is unlikely to be before September 2021.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1 Not seeking the necessary approvals to progress the proposed scheme to Project Appraisal. This option was rejected due to the benefits the scheme will bring in terms of journey time and congestion savings.

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:

11 March 2021

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

Item 2

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
Date:	11 March 2021
Title:	Project Appraisal: Brighton Hill Roundabout Basingstoke 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 approves the Project Appraisal for A30 Brighton Hill Roundabout Improvements Scheme in Basingstoke, as set out in the supporting report and detailed in Appendix 1.
- 1.2. That approval be given to procure and spend and enter into necessary contractual arrangements, in consultation with the Head of Legal Services, to implement the proposed improvements to the A30 Brighton Hill Roundabout at an estimated cost of £19.3 million to be funded from the Local Growth Fund from the Enterprise M3 LEP, and local resources from Hampshire County Council.
- 1.3. That authority to make 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. The decision will enable the delivery of the proposed Brighton Hill Roundabout improvements and help ensure Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity by helping to improve capacity along the A30 and providing new pedestrian and cycle facilities to better manage peak time and future traffic demand at this critical arterial junction.
- 2.2 Brighton Hill Roundabout is a key junction on the A30 SW Corridor and suffers significant peak period congestion which will be further exacerbated by future increases in travel along the corridor. The key aims for the scheme are to:
 - increase the traffic capacity at the junction to accommodate existing and future travel demands, reducing congestion and improving journey times and journey time reliability;
 - provide comprehensive pedestrian and cycle facilities at the junction, including future provision for a strategic cycle route along the A30 SW Corridor and links into that route from surrounding areas; and

- safeguard future provision for bus priority measures associated with the proposed Mass Rapid Transit project.

2.3 The decision is being made now to meet the delivery programme and time bound grant funding provided by the EM3 LEP.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1 Do Nothing. This option was rejected because it would forego the opportunity to improve capacity along the A30 and provide new pedestrian and cycle facilities to better manage peak time and future traffic demand at this critical arterial junction.

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:

11 March 2021

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

Item 3

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
Date:	11 March 2021
Title:	A326 South Junction Improvement Works, Fawley Waterside – 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 increase to the value of the A326 South Junction Improvement Works scheme from £8.1million to £10.45million, to be approved under delegated authority by the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment, as it is wholly funded through external resources.
- 1.2. That the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment gives approval to procure, spend and enter into necessary contractual arrangements to implement the A326 South Junction Improvement Works scheme, up to a total value of £10.45million, including variation to funding agreements to secure additional funding, in consultation with the Head of Legal Services.
- 1.3. That authority to make 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. Following the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment Project Appraisal approval in March 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic has increased the risk position for the project and further contingency is now considered necessary to afford the project improved financial certainty. In addition to the productivity impacts of COVID-19, cost risks have also increased around the scheme's procurement route, the emerging design issues necessary to accommodate the Department for Transport (DfT) cycle

infrastructure design requirements of Local Transport Note (LTN) 1/20, and further environmental and construction constraints. As a result, the total value of this scheme is now increasing from £8.1million to £11.2million. The additional funding required will be provided by FWL, the details of which will be confirmed in an amended Deed of Variation.

Within the overall £11.2 million there is £0.75 million of design costs which FWL will pay for directly to the design company. This results in a funding provision and scheme cost of £10.45 million that Hampshire County Council will be responsible for delivering. As such it is the £10.45 million value of the scheme that is being reflected in the capital programme and in the Project Appraisal.

- 2.2. To address and offset this concern, permission is sought to vary the terms of the existing Fawley Waterside Limited delivery agreement, to increase the contingency sum to £3.1million, which includes £0.75million design fee, taking the total contingency available to Hampshire County Council to £2.3million.
- 2.3. As the whole of the variance in the value of the scheme is to be externally funded, the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment has authority to approve this increase using delegated powers.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. A “do nothing” option was rejected as this would not give the project the financial certainty it requires to adequately manage the scheme’s increased risk potential.

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: 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:

11 March 2021

**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:	11 March 2021
Title:	Arboriculture – Policy Update for Non-Essential Highway Tree Works
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

Contact name: Tim Lawton

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment approves the proposed update to the Highways Maintenance Management Plan (HMMP) Policy for Arboriculture to permit work to be undertaken on highway trees that falls outside of the current Highways Policy, to commence on 1 April 2021.
- 1.2. That authority be delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment, in consultation with the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment, to make minor operational adjustments to the policy if required.
- 1.3. That authority be delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment in consultation with the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment to finalise and publish a schedule of appropriate fees.
- 1.4. That approval to undertake a review of the operation and effectiveness of the policy update after 12 months be delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment, in consultation with the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment.

2. Reason for the decision:

- 2.1. This decision seeks to offer a more permissive position on highway tree works and provide an option for residents to request tree works adjacent to their properties that may not meet the current highway tree management policy criteria, which is generally limited to works for safety reasons only or where damage has occurred or is likely. The cost of any amenity works carried out under this proposed policy amendment will be fully funded by the resident on a cost recovery basis.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. The existing policy criteria is considered robust and consideration was given to leaving the policy unchanged. However, it is felt that the proposed policy update

will provide enhanced opportunities for Hampshire residents to undertake non-safety related work to highway trees, within the limits of the proposed policy, beyond the established common law presumption.

3.2. An alternative model, similar to the variation being requested in this paper was also considered with all costs from additional requested works to highway tree assets being met by the County Council. In the current financial climate this was rejected as being unaffordable.

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 County Councillor Dominic Hiscock for attending my Decision Day and speaking in support of this decision.

Approved by:

Date:

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

11 March 2021

Item 5

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
Date:	11 March 2021
Title:	Interim Transport Position Statement – Western Basingstoke
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 approves the interim transport position statement for Western Basingstoke, as set out in the report, as a means of clarifying the Highway Authority's priorities for transport infrastructure and planning of future development.
- 1.2. That the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment approves the interim position statement being used to form the basis of future highway development control responses related to development in Western Basingstoke.

2. Reason for the decision:

- 2.1. The advice provided in the interim transport position for the West of Basingstoke will help this area of Hampshire meet its potential of providing strong and sustainable housing and economic growth. Planning for the future in an integrated way will help achieve good transport connectivity for Hampshire and align with Hampshire County Council's 2050 Vision, including its climate change objectives. It will also support the continued efficient and safe operation of the transport network in the area, which in turn contributes to local people being able to live safe, healthy and independent lives.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Not progressing the interim transport position for the West of Basingstoke could mean that land use changes occur on a piecemeal basis and lead to poor outcomes. Clearly establishing the Highway Authority's priorities and expectations should lead to better planning outcomes. Failure to do so could lead to bad development and a deterioration of the operation of the local transport network.

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:

11 March 2021

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

Item 6

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
Date:	11 March 2021
Title:	Active Travel Fund (ATF) Brighton Way, Basingstoke Cycle Route Scheme
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 approves the Project Appraisal for the Brighton Way cycle route Scheme in Basingstoke, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the supporting report.
- 1.2 That approval be given to procure, spend and enter into necessary contractual arrangements, in consultation with the Head of Legal Services, to implement the proposed Brighton Way cycle route scheme at an estimated cost of £551,202 to be funded from the Active Travel Fund from the Department for Transport and developer contributions.
- 1.3 That authority to make 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. The decision will enable the delivery of the proposed Brighton Way cycle route and meets Hampshire County Council's commitment to creating better spaces for people walking and cycling in the county.
- 2.2. The decision is being made now to meet programme and funding requirements set out by the Department for Transport.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. A do-nothing option was considered but rejected as when the Brighton Hill roundabout improvement is implemented this section of Brighton Way through to Sullivan Road will not have a cycle route. As a result, the cycle route would end, and cyclists would be required to dismount. The stepped cycle track needs to link through to Sullivan Road to provide cycle continuity.

3.2. Alternative options were considered during the development stage of the scheme including an alternative routing of the cycle path nearside of the carriageway. This was rejected as land adjacent to the carriageway is reserved for strategic corridor improvements and any such cycle route now would have limited life and value for money.

3.3. A narrower width of footway and cycle track of 2.5 metres was considered but rejected as this would only offer minimum width in accordance with the Government's Local Transport Note 1/20 and would not operate as efficiently as the desirable 3.0 metres width. Brighton Hill roundabout improvement scheme is using 3.0m wide cycle tracks as default.

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:

11 March 2021

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

Item 7

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
Date:	11 March 2021
Title:	Farnborough Growth Package Update including Lynchford Road advance works
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 gives approval to procure and spend, and to enter necessary contractual arrangements in consultation with the Head of Legal Services, to implement the advanced utility diversions for the Lynchford Road improvements, as well as any necessary street furniture and vegetation removal, at a cost of £0.76million to be funded from Local Growth Funding awarded by the Enterprise M3 LEP.
- 1.2. That the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment gives approval to adjust the scope of the Farnborough growth package to include improvements along Alexandra Road, Old Lynchford Road and Camp Road.
- 1.3. That authority to make arrangements to implement the works, including minor variations to the design, delivery arrangements or contract, be delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. To seek approval to procure and spend, and to enter necessary contractual arrangements in consultation with the Head of Legal Services, to implement the advanced utility diversions for the Lynchford Road improvements, as well as any necessary advanced works, at a cost of £0.76million to be funded from Local Growth Funding awarded by the Enterprise M3 LEP and gain efficiencies for delivery of the scheme and increase certainty of achieving EM3 LEP spend.
- 2.2. To seek approval to adjust the scope of the Farnborough growth package to include improvements along Alexandra Road, Old Lynchford Road and Camp Road to better reflect changing national and local policy and to take advantage of further funding opportunities.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. To not adjust the scope of the Farnborough growth package – this was rejected as doing so would not reflect changing national and local policy or take advantage of further funding opportunities available.
- 3.2. To not spend on advance works – this was rejected as doing so would jeopardise the funding available to deliver phase 1 of the Lynchford Road Scheme and cause unnecessary delay to the project.

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:
-----	11 March 2021
Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment Councillor Rob Humby	

Item 8

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
Date:	11 March 2021
Title:	Passenger Transport Contracts and Concessionary Fares Payments
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That that Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment gives authority to make concessionary fares reimbursement payments to local bus operators from 1 April 2021 to 30 September 2021 based on the percentage of the pre-COVID bus network that they operate during the period, in line with the latest Department for Transport (DfT) guidance (issued on 13 January 2021), to be met from existing budgets.
- 1.2. That the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment gives authority to extend the current policy of making 100% local bus and Community Transport contract payments to operators, 100% concessionary fares payments to community transport operators and 80% contract and concessionary travel payments to Taxi-share operators, to cover the period from 1 April 2021 to 30 September 2021, to be met from existing budgets.
- 1.3. That the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment gives authority to revert to pre-COVID payment arrangements for Taxi-share services as soon as social distancing requirements are able to be safely removed and services are able to return to pre-COVID service.
- 1.4. That authority be delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment, in consultation with the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment, to make amendments to the payment arrangements before 30 September 2021 if COVID related restrictions are significantly reduced and local bus and community transport services are able to safely return to pre-COVID levels, in line with any guidance issued by the DfT.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. This report updates and modifies the arrangements put in place by a decision made by the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment on 19 November 2020 on the same subject. The current arrangements are due to expire on 31 March 2021.

- 2.2. The proposals to continue ongoing payments to local bus, community transport and taxi-share operators will enable the County Council to provide key transport services to members of the public, many of whom are older and disabled members of the community. As and when the need for social distancing eases, it is anticipated that demand will grow and therefore these services will be important to Hampshire's recovery. This is particularly relevant in the case of the local bus services used by school and college students to access their place of education.
- 2.3. The decision will contribute to Hampshire's economic recovery, enabling passengers to access their place of employment in addition to health, retail, social, educational and leisure facilities.
- 2.4. The decision will contribute towards Hampshire's strategic aim of enabling its residents to live safe, healthy and independent lives.
- 2.5. The latest DfT guidance from 13 January 2021 on concessionary fares funding suggests that Local Transport Authorities match concessionary fares payments to the level of service provided by the operator, e.g. if 90% of the pre-COVID 19 network is operated, then concessionary fares should be reimbursed at 90% of pre-COVID levels. Any resulting revenue shortfall for operators should be dealt with through the Coronavirus Bus Service Support Grant (CBSSG) process. This eases the financial burden on Local Transport Authorities of continuing to support the public transport network.
- 2.6. By continuing the policy of paying 100% contract payments to Community Transport and local bus operators, and concessionary fares payments to community transport operators the County Council is supporting the short-term survival of Hampshire's bus operators and the Community Transport sector, as well as contributing to the viability of the longer term transport network, and to Hampshire's longer term economic recovery.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. To match concessionary fares payments to operators based on actual passengers carried. This option was rejected as it would be contrary to DfT guidance. Given the low numbers of passengers during the pandemic, it would undermine the local bus network and the operation of community transport and taxi-share services. This would result in either no service or a reduced service being provided and would be harmful to the delivery of essential journeys and the recovery of passenger transport services in Hampshire. A reduction in payments to local bus operators would undermine this vital support.
- 3.2. To withdraw County Council support from local bus, community transport and taxi-share services. This option was rejected as it would have a negative impact on Hampshire's core network for essential journeys and economic recovery leaving passengers across Hampshire unable to access employment, health, retail, social, educational and leisure facilities. This would also be in contradiction to the County Council's long-term decarbonisation and climate change objectives.

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:

11 March 2021

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

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Item 9

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
Date:	11 March 2021
Title:	Project Appraisal: Waterside East-West Connectivity (Phase 1)
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 approves the Project Appraisal for Waterside East-West Connectivity (Phase 1) package of schemes, as outlined in the supporting report.
- 1.2 That approval be given to procure, spend and enter into necessary contractual arrangements, in consultation with the Head of Legal Services, to implement the proposed improvements for the Waterside East-West Connectivity (Phase 1) package of schemes, as set out in the supporting report, at an estimated cost of £610,000 funded from Section 106 contributions, underwritten by Local Transport Plan (LTP) integrated transport capital funds, subject to Cabinet approval of the addition of the East-West Connectivity Package of schemes to the 2021/22 Capital Programme at a value of £970,000.
- 1.3 That authority to make the arrangements to implement Phase 1 of the East-West Connectivity package, including minor variations to the design or contract, be delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment.

2. Reason for the decision:

- 2.1 The Waterside Transport Strategy has established the importance of connections between local communities and the facilities available in the New Forest National Park. Consultation is due in 2021 on the draft Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan to establish community needs and priorities in the Waterside Area and the National Park. The County Council is delivering an improvement scheme for the A326 South funded by the Solent LEP and Fawley Waterside in 2021 and 2022. This provides an opportunity to deliver measures already promoted by local interest groups that provide improvements to East-West Connectivity across the A326. These measures will be delivered as Phase 1 of the package.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1 A Do-Nothing option was considered but rejected as it would not meet policy objectives and fail to realise connectivity opportunities that could be delivered alongside existing programmes of work.

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:

11 March 2021

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

Item 10

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
Date:	11 March 2021
Title:	T21 Street Lighting Project - Update on Negotiations
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment
(Summary of an Exempt Decision)	

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment notes the progress made to date with regard to the T21 street lighting project to vary the street lighting Private Finance Initiative (PFI) to enable high-power lamps to be replaced with more energy efficient LEDs, and approves the principles set out in the supporting report for the remaining negotiations with Tay Valley Lighting (Hampshire) Limited (the PFI Service Provider).

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. In March 2020, the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment approved the proposal to vary the street lighting Private Finance Initiative (PFI) to enable 12,000 (approx.) high-power lamps to be replaced with more energy efficient LEDs, subject to the technical agreement of the variation to the Street Lighting PFI. Since this time, a full business case has been developed and negotiations have progressed in accordance with the High Value change protocol within the Project Agreement. The negotiations are at a critical point, and it is important that the County Council has an agreed basis upon which to conclude these negotiations.
- 2.2. The decision relates to a change to the PFI agreement that Tay Valley Lighting (TVL) is seeking to insert into the deed of variation
- 2.3. The principles set out in the confidential paper for the remaining negotiations with TVL are intended to obtain the best financial outcome for the authority with regard to the PFI, recognising the wider strategic outcomes and in particular the role of reducing energy consumption to achieve climate change objectives, and give appropriate consideration to the Public Contract Regulations.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. It would be possible not to proceed with the negotiations. This option was rejected as negotiations have not yet reached a conclusion and the proposed

changes being sought support delivery of savings proposals as part of the Transformation to 2021 programme.

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:

11 March 2021

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