

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Transport and Environment Strategy
Date:	3 October 2022
Title:	Transport Proposals Supporting Economic Development in Farnborough
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

1.1 That the Executive Lead Member for Transport and Environment Strategy agrees a policy which supports the principle of reallocating road space in order to enable development of the Farnborough Civic Quarter Masterplan, subject to the conditions of support outlined in the supporting report.

2. Reason for the decision:

2.1 Rushmoor Borough Council has developed a potentially transformational Farnborough Civic Quarter Masterplan. The plan would result in significant changes to the form and function of highways in Farnborough Town Centre involving a reallocation of road space currently provided for vehicle capacity for other uses. This is a significant change and as such it is deemed necessary to seek agreement to the principle that Hampshire County Council as Highway Authority is agreeable to the proposal of doing so.

2.2 Hampshire County Council's Local Transport Plan 3 creates a policy base which is somewhat supportive of the request for the highway changes proposed but is not necessarily explicit enough in the context of transformational change associated with the Masterplan proposals. This report discusses the proposals and seeks to introduce a policy principle that would support the Borough Council's regeneration ambitions.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1 Consideration has been given to engaging with Rushmoor Borough Council using the existing national and local policy frameworks relevant to transport to determine the County Council's highway response. This has been rejected in the context of the transformational changes proposed. It is considered that Member approval of a locally specific policy principle is required to confirm support of the Farnborough Civic Quarter Masterplan proposals that require road space reallocation.

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:

3 October 2022

**Executive Lead Member for Transport and
Environment Strategy
Councillor Edward Heron**