

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

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| Decision Maker: | Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services |
| Date: | 22 January 2024 |
| Title: | Guidance on Planning Obligations and Developer Infrastructure Contributions |
| Report From: | Director of Hampshire 2050 |

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1. The decisions:

- 1.1. That the Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services approves the Guidance on Planning Obligations and Developer Infrastructure Contributions.
- 1.2. That the Director of Hampshire 2050 is given delegated authority to approve minor updates to the Guidance to reflect changes to national policy, guidance and best practice as appropriate.

2. Reasons for the decisions:

- 2.1. To approve updated guidance to aid and support discussions between teams across the organisation and local planning authorities, with regards to the planning and funding of infrastructure and securing developer contributions.
- 2.2. Infrastructure planning is critical to delivering Outcome 3 of the Strategic Plan, including the priority of planning and delivering low carbon infrastructure that meets business need and promoting a sustainable and more resilient transport network, and shaping places across the County that enhance communities and environments.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. The option to update and publish separate guidance on developer contributions provided by County Council teams as required, was considered. This was rejected because it would be less efficient to manage the preparation and approval of a suite of separate guidance documents, and consultation has demonstrated demand for a comprehensive approach.
- 3.2. The option to consult further on a revised suite of guidance documents, following updates from Government on the proposed Infrastructure Levy was

considered, but ruled out due to the further delay this would cause. Consultation on a proposed Infrastructure Levy (reform of the existing system of developer contributions) closed in June 2023 and the Government was analysing the feedback until October 2023. It was important not to delay publication of the Guidance, but to recognise the potential transition towards a new system following changes in legislation.

3.3. The option of providing advice and guidance on developer contributions on a case-by-case basis on request (without an agreed corporate policy basis), was ruled out. The case for preparing a corporate policy on developer contributions requirements was made and supported by Cabinet in 2020.

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:

22 January 2024

**Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050
and Corporate Services
Councillor Rob Humby**