

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Cabinet
Date:	12 December 2023
Title:	Driving Towards Economic Strength
Report From:	Director of 2050 and Assistant Chief Executive

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1. The decision:

1.1. That Cabinet:

- a) Notes the analysis of the economic impact and issues highlighted which emphasises that the County Council continues to use its scale and influence to drive towards long term economic strength in Hampshire, through shaping and influencing the key priorities set out in the Economic Strategy approved by Cabinet in December 2022. This also includes the County Council's role in promoting place-based Regeneration and Growth Partnerships.
- b) Notes the update on the integration of Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) functions following the recent Government announcement that Upper-tier Local Authorities will take on the responsibility for LEP functions from April 2024.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. To provide an update on the Hampshire economy as well as to update on current issues affecting Economic Development, recognising the importance of a strong and prosperous economy as a critical enabler of wider long-term outcomes across the County.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. None

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:

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent:

7. Statement from the decision maker:

Approved by:

Date:

Councillor Rob Humby
Chairman of Cabinet

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