

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Highways and Waste
Date:	28 January 2025
Title:	Highways Disruption Charging (Lane Rental) Scheme Development
Report From:	Director of Universal Services

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Executive Member for Highways and Waste notes the progress on the project, the potential cost to the County Council and the projected timeline for developing and implementing a scheme.
- 1.2. That the Executive Member for Highways and Waste agrees to continue with the development of a draft Disruption Charging scheme for formal consultation in Summer 2025.

2. Reason for the decision:

- 2.1. The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of the proposal to develop and implement a Disruption Charging (Lane Rental) Scheme for strategic elements of the public highway network in Hampshire that are maintained by the County Council. An indicative map of the proposed network, that will be subject to disruption charging has been developed to illustrate the routes likely to be included in any formal scheme. This is included as Appendix A.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 1.1. The option to not progress a disruption charging scheme was considered and rejected on the basis that the County Council could miss the opportunity to reduce disruption resulting from essential works on the highway network.
- 1.2. The option to delay progressing the disruption charging scheme was considered. This was rejected as early investigations and evidence from neighbouring authorities indicate that schemes can deliver a significant reduction in congestion on key routes. There are a number of stages to go through in developing a scheme, so it is recommended that work continue on developing a scheme with the aspiration of delivery around spring 2026.

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:

In considering this decision today, I note that the position has changed since paragraph 9 of the decision report was drafted. Paragraph 9 states that: "Surplus funds can also be used for schemes, projects or research aimed at reducing traffic congestion, i.e. the surplus should not be used for repairing potholes caused by general wear and tear or, for example, bad weather." This is now incorrect as the Government will be seeking a change to secondary legislation later this year that will enable up to 50% of funding received from disruption charging to be retained specifically for highway maintenance purposes, which could include repairing potholes. This change is expected to be in place by the time the County Council secures the necessary powers in 2026.

Approved by:

Date:

28 January 2025

**Executive Member for Highways and Waste
Councillor Lulu Bowerman**