

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Universal Services
Date:	3 March 2025
Title:	Outline Project Appraisal: Havant Footbridge Replacement - Contractor Engagement Stage 1
Report From:	Director of Universal Services

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services approves the Outline Project Appraisal and Stage 1 Contractor engagement (up to the point of agreeing the target cost) for the Havant Footbridge Replacement, as outlined in the supporting report.
- 1.2. That approval be given to spend up to £500,000 from the Structural Maintenance budget and enter into necessary contractual arrangements, in consultation with the Head of Legal Services to implement Stage 1 contractor engagement for the proposed replacement of Havant Footbridge, as set out in the supporting report.
- 1.3. That authority to make the arrangements to implement Stage 1 of contractor engagement, including minor variations to the design or contract, be delegated to the Director of Universal Services.
- 1.4. That authority is delegated to the Director of Universal Services, in consultation with the Head of Legal Services, to progress any orders, notices, or statutory procedures and secure any consents, licences, permissions, rights or easements necessary to enable implementation of Havant Footbridge replacement scheme.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. The decision will enable the delivery of the proposed Havant Footbridge replacement scheme which is essential for the ongoing provision of a safe route for all users across the railway line at Havant.

2.2. The decision supports the commitment to deliver transport infrastructure improvements that improve accessibility for local people and thus maximise wellbeing by enhancing the quality of place.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. Refurbishment and widening of the existing structure was considered but due to its age and condition this is not a realistic or achievable solution.

3.2. Do nothing: rejected due to safety concerns. If the existing footbridge were not replaced users would be forced to walk along busy main roads to cross the railway.

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:

3 March 2025

**Executive Lead Member for Universal Services
Councillor Kirsty North**