

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Highways and Waste
Date:	3 March 2025
Title:	Future Ownership and Maintenance of Bus Shelters - Expansion
Report From:	Director of Universal Services

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1. The decision:

- 1.1 That the Executive Member for Highways and Waste gives approval for the County Council's assumption of ownership and maintenance liability for publicly owned bus shelters in Winchester City District, on the basis that liability will be at least cost neutral to the County Council through income generation, and that the County Council's contractual arrangements with Clear Channel be expanded in accordance with the terms of the contract to permit existing shelters owned by Clear Channel in Winchester City District to remain on the public highway.
- 1.2 That the Executive Member for Highways and Waste gives approval to spend up to £50,000 per annum on the maintenance of publicly owned bus shelters in Winchester City District, to be funded from advertising revenue generated from the Clear Channel contract.
- 1.3 That the Executive Member for Highways and Waste delegates authority to the Director of Universal Services, in consultation with the Executive Member for Highways and Waste and the Head of Legal, to:
 - i. Approve the County Council's assumption of ownership and maintenance liability for publicly owned bus shelters in additional district and boroughs, where it can be demonstrated that liability will be at least cost neutral to the County Council through income generation, and
 - ii. Expand the County Council's contractual arrangements with Clear Channel, in accordance with the terms of the contract, to permit existing shelters owned by Clear Channel to remain on the public highway.

2. Reason for the decision:

- 2.1 To help maintain the existing complement of bus shelters in Hampshire, and to ensure that, where boroughs and districts express an interest, and cost neutrality can be demonstrated, Hampshire County Council can assume

ownership and maintenance liability for bus shelters which will otherwise need to be removed from the public highway.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. That the County Council does not take ownership of any additional shelters. This option was rejected because the alternative is that these shelters are removed, and the County Council recognises the importance of these shelters to support the provision of local bus services.

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 Member for Highways and Waste
Councillor Lulu Bowerman**