

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services
Date:	6 March 2025
Title:	Test Valley (North) and East Hampshire District Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans
Report From:	Director of Hampshire 2050

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services approves the Test Valley (North) and East Hampshire District Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs) detailed in Appendices A and B respectively.
- 1.2. That authority is delegated to the Director of Hampshire 2050, in consultation with the Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services, to make minor amendments to the LCWIP documents prior to publication, including the insertion of a foreword and typographic and accessibility (formatting) corrections as necessary.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. The development of Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans for Test Valley (north) and East Hampshire District are vital for deliver Hampshire Local Transport Plan 4's vision of delivering a "carbon neutral, resilient and inclusive transport system designed around- and with people".
- 2.2. Approval of these LCWIPs will support the preparation of funding bids for delivery of active travel infrastructure and will form part of the County Council's suite of documents that form the local transport strategy for Test Valley and East Hampshire respectively.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. The option to not prepare LCWIPs was discounted as this would put Hampshire County Council at a significant disadvantage when applying for active travel funding from central government. The Government has published guidance that requires Local Transport Authorities to prepare

LCWIPs for their areas. Allocation of future funding for walking and cycling measures is conditional upon such plans being developed and approved.

- 3.2. The option to take a light-touch approach to preparing the LCWIPs, without public consultation and stakeholder engagement was also discounted. Such an approach would lead to a lower quality product that would not meet the requirements of the Government's LCWIP guidance.

4. Conflicts of interest:

- 4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: The Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services declared an interest in this item as he is the Cabinet Member for Strategic Regeneration and Partnerships (South) on Test Valley Borough Council and took no part in the discussion.

Under Part 3: Chapter 2: Paragraph 2.3 of the County Council's Constitution, the Deputy Leader agreed to depute this decision to the Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 (Climate Change, Culture and Partnerships) and HR, Communications and Performance.

- 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:

6 March 2025

Councillor Zoe Huggins, Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 (Climate Change, Culture and Partnerships) and HR, Communications and Performance.

(on behalf of the Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services)