

# HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## Officer Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment
<b>Title:</b>	Eclipse Busway Completion of Phase 1

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### 1. The decision:

1.1. That prior to full Project Appraisal for completion of phase 1 of the Eclipse Busway, the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment gives approval to procure and spend to carry out selective advanced vegetation clearance and enabling works including the diversion of utility services in the vicinity of the Rowner Road bridge at an estimated cost of £210,000 as set out in this paper.

### 2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. The main contract for the completion of Phase 1 of the Eclipse Busway is currently planned to start in early 2019. To assist the timely delivery of the main contract, selective advanced vegetation clearance and enabling works are planned to take place in ahead of the main works commencing. For this to happen, some orders will need to be placed ahead of the full Project Appraisal being determined.
- 2.2. The main aspect of the enabling works will involve the diversion of existing utilities services at Rowner Road bridge including, Southern Gas Networks, Southern and Scottish Electric, Virgin, BT and Huhtamaki. Each of these services will need to be diverted before the bridge can be demolished.
- 2.3. To allow utility companies sufficient time to plan and mobilise resources, lengthy lead times are required for the diversion of certain services. In particular, Southern Gas has a sixteen week delivery period from receipt of payment. The diversion of the gas main needs to be ordered and paid for immediately so that it can be carried out in September in advance of the main works.
- 2.4. To assist the works, when required ground works and traffic management will be carried out by HCC.
- 2.5. The full Project Appraisal for the Scheme will be determined in July 2018.

**3. Other options considered and rejected:**

3.1 Carrying out enabling works including the diversion of utilities running through Rowner Road Bridge as part of the main contract has been rejected. This would delay the demolition of Rowner Road Bridge, restrict access to the southern part of the scheme, and heighten potential for an increase in the overall construction costs.

**4. Conflicts of interest:**

4.1 Conflicts of interest declared by an Executive Member who is consulted by the officer which relates to the decision: None

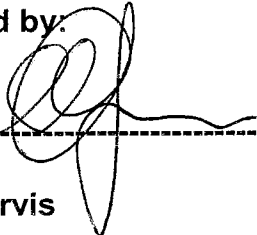
**5. Dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service:**

5.1 None.

**6. Supporting Information:**

6.1. None.

Approved by:



Stuart Jarvis

Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

Date:

7/6/18

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## Decision Report

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### 1. Executive Summary

The purpose of this paper is to gain approval from the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment to carry out selective advanced vegetation clearance and enabling works including the diversion of utility services in the vicinity of the Rowner Road bridge, to allow orders to be raised to meet the extended lead times required by the utility companies and in advance of a full Executive Member Project Appraisal being determined in July 2018.

### 2. Background

- 2.1. The completion of Phase 1 of the Eclipse Busway will provide a southern extension to the award winning Eclipse Busway from Fareham to Gosport. It is a 0.9 kilometre extension from Hutfield Link/Tichborne Way to Rowner Road at an estimated cost of £9.53million. The Scheme forms the final phase of a planned busway forecast to deliver additional time savings, patronage growth, modal shift, access to key development sites and improved air quality.
- 2.2. Once complete, First will invest £3 million in a new fleet of seventeen high specification, low-emission buses to provide fast and high-frequency services on the busway, as well as introducing a new Eclipse Extra service to the Enterprise Zone.
- 2.3. There will be a new at-grade signal controlled junction where the busway meets Rowner Road. The junction will cater for buses travelling on and off the Eclipse Busway, enabling them to access the local highway network. To achieve this, Rowner Road Bridge will need to be demolished and the road lowered to meet with the new busway, which will be raised. A road closure will be required while the demolition and construction work takes place.
- 2.4. There are five companies currently known to have services running through Rowner Road Bridge; Southern Gas Networks, Southern and Scottish Electric, Virgin, BT and Huhtamaki. Each of these services needs to be diverted before the bridge can be demolished.

- 2.5. To avoid the risk of delay and associated cost increases to the main contract it is planned to carry out these diversion works in 2018 and in advance of the mains works commencing. Each utility company has a set time to mobilise and carry out the works. To ensure that all the diversions are complete by the end of 2018 it is necessary to place certain orders before a full Project Appraisal has been determined.
- 2.6. The most critical diversion is the 450mm Southern Gas Networks medium pressure main. Southern Gas requires sixteen weeks from receipt of payment to completion of the diversion. This work needs to be ordered and paid for as soon as possible so that it can be carried out in September in advance of the main works.
- 2.7. Southern and Scottish Electric is yet to accurately quantify their lead-in times but have indicated these are likely to be fairly lengthy. To avoid delay the order for this work also needs to be placed immediately.
- 2.8. Ordering the gas and electric diversions now, prior to full Project Appraisal, will reduce the risk of delay to the main contract and associated cost increases. To assist the works, when required ground works and traffic management will be carried out by HCC. C4 notices are still to be received from BT, Virgin and Huhtamaki. .
- 2.9. The full Project Appraisal for the Scheme will be determined in July 2018.

### 3. Finance

3.1	Estimates	£'000	% of total	Funds Available	£'000
	Southern Gas Diversion	157	75	NPIF (Part)	210
	SSE diversion	20	9		
	Groundworks and TM	33	16		

### 4. Scheme Details

- 4.1 The important enabling works will primarily comprise the diversion of a 450mm medium pressure Southern Gas Networks main and a low voltage Southern and Scottish Electric (SSE) cable from Rowner Road Bridge, groundworks and traffic management.
- 4.2 The diversion of the gas main is expected to take four weeks. The diversion of the SSE LV cable is expected to take one week. Where possible, works will

be delivered concurrently to minimise the impact of delays on the traveling public.

## **5. Departures from Standards**

5.1. There are no formal departures from standards expected at this time.

## **6. Community Engagement**

6.1. Initial public consultation for the whole busway from Redlands Lane in Fareham to Military Road in Gosport took place from 16 to 18 October 2008 in Bridgemary, with a follow up exhibition at Fareham Borough Council offices the following week.

6.2. Further public consultations took place during January 2009 prior to the planning application being submitted in March 2009.

6.3. The planning application for Rowner Road junction was granted in 2013. Statutory consultation was carried out and the results considered when the application was determined.

6.4. A Public Exhibition for the Scheme was held on 10 May 2018 at Bridgemary School. The closing date for comments is 31 May 2018.

6.5. The local member, Councillor Philpott, supports the completion of Phase 1 of the Eclipse Busway.

## **7. Statutory Procedures**

7.1. There are two planning permissions in place for this scheme:-

- For the whole route from Redlands Lane in Fareham south, via the disused railway corridor to Military Road in Gosport; and
- For a new at-grade junction with Rowner Road.

7.2. Temporary traffic management will be required as part of this work. For the gas and electric diversions this is likely to require short term use of portable traffic signals. This will be notified via the NRSWA / Streetworks Coordinator.

## **8. Recommendation**

8.1. That prior to full Project Appraisal for completion of phase 1 of the Eclipse Busway, the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment gives approval to procure and spend to carry out selective advanced vegetation clearance and advanced enabling works including the diversion of utility services in the vicinity of the Rowner Road bridge at an estimated cost of £210,000 as set out in this paper.

**CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:****Links to the Strategic Plan**

Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity:	yes
People in Hampshire live safe, healthy and independent lives:	yes
People in Hampshire enjoy a rich and diverse environment:	no
People in Hampshire enjoy being part of strong, inclusive communities:	yes

**Other Significant Links**

<b>Links to previous Member decisions:</b>	
Project Appraisal: South East Hampshire Bus Rapid Transit – Phase 1 Fareham –Gosport	29 January 2009
New Junction with Eclipse Busway and Removal of Existing Road Bridge at Rowner Road, Gosport (Application No: 13/00323/HCC3) (Site Ref: GPH002)	23 October 2013
<b>Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives</b>	
None	

**Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents**

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

Document

Location

None

## Impact Assessments

### 1. Equalities Impact Assessment:

1.1. The proposals in this report have been developed with due regard to the requirements of the Equality Act 2010, including the Public Sector Equality Duty and the Council's equality objectives. The website contains a summary assessment of the impacts on developing Hampshire's highway network and transport systems.

1.2. Statutory considerations:

<b>Impact</b>	
Age	Neutral
Disability	Neutral
Sexual Orientation	Neutral
Race	Neutral
Religion and belief	Neutral
Gender Reassignment	Neutral
Sex	Neutral
Marriage and civil partnership	Neutral
Pregnancy and maternity	Neutral
<b>Other policy considerations</b>	
Poverty	Neutral
Rurality	Neutral
Other factors	Neutral
Geographical impact	Gosport

### 2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

The provision of targeted lighting, route barriers and CCTV is expected to have a positive effect on crime and disorder.

### 3. Climate Change:

In 2009 carbon dioxide emissions were calculated for the whole busway and these were anticipated to reduce by 1045 tonnes in the opening year, and a total of 68,535 tonnes over the subsequent 60 year period.