

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
Date:	14 January 2020
Title:	Project Appraisal: M27 Junction 7 - Corridor Technology Improvements
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. **The decision:**

- 1.1 That the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment approve the Project Appraisal for the M27 Junction 7 Corridor Technology Improvements, as outlined in the supporting report.
- 1.2 That approval be given to enter into arrangements with Highways England, in consultation with the Head of Legal Services, to secure external funding to support technology and traffic signal improvements to assist the control and throughput of traffic on the local highway networks adjoining M27 Junction 7 at an estimated cost of £1.2million, to be funded by Highways England.
- 1.3 That approval be given to procure, spend and enter into necessary contractual arrangements, in consultation with the Head of Legal Services, to implement the proposed network technology improvements including the design and installation of Variable Message Signs, CCTV, Bluetooth detection, associated to M27 Junction 7, and traffic signal junction improvements to Thornhill Park Road/Hinkler Road, as set out in the supporting report at an estimated cost of £1.2million to be funded by Highways England.
- 1.4 That authority to make the arrangements, including highway agreements, to implement the scheme, including minor variations to the design and contract, be delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment.

2. **Reasons for the decision:**

- 2.1 To reduce congestion and improve the throughput and management of traffic in and around M27 Junction 7. The new roadside technology and traffic signals will reduce congestion, and enable improved visibility,

management and traffic control on the local Hampshire County Council and adjacent highway networks.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1 Do nothing. This option was rejected as it would fail to take advantage of the current funding opportunity to install new technology and signal systems to reduce congestion and improve the flow of traffic in and around M27 Junction 7.

3.2 Not to implement all the elements of the scheme. The project comprises distinct elements some of which could have been excluded. This option was rejected as it would fail to achieve the extents of the network improvements required to secure the full benefits of the scheme.

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:

Approved by:

Date:

14 January 2020

**Executive Member for Economy, Transport and
Environment
Councillor Rob Humby**