

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
Date:	8 October 2020
Title:	Aldershot Station Transport Hub and Public Realm 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 Aldershot Station Transport Hub and Public Realm Improvements scheme, as outlined in the supporting report.
- 1.2. That the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment recommend to Cabinet that the Aldershot Station Transport Hub and Public Realm Improvements scheme is included in the ETE capital programme (with the County Council's financial contribution to the value of £840,000 and an overall scheme value of £1.44 million).
- 1.3. That subject to Cabinet approval of the scheme's addition to the capital programme, approval be given to procure and spend and enter into necessary contractual arrangements, in consultation with the Head of Legal Services, to implement the proposed improvements that form the Aldershot Station Transport Hub and Public Realm Improvements scheme, as set out in the supporting report, at a total estimated cost of £1.44 million, to be funded from Developer Contributions, Rushmoor Borough Council, EM3 Local Enterprise Partnership, Department for Transport Emergency Active Travel Fund Tranche 2, and Public Realm Improvement Programme funding.
- 1.4. That authority to make the arrangements to implement the scheme, including minor variations to the design or contract, be delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment.
- 1.5. That authority is given to enter into a funding agreement with Rushmoor Borough Council, in consultation with the Head of Legal Services, to secure the transfer of the Rushmoor Borough Council funding contribution and also the LEP grant for the project, which was awarded to Rushmoor Borough Council.
- 1.6. That approval is given to enter into the necessary arrangements to secure all formal approvals, consents, and agreements, including with Network Rail, South Western Railway, and the Office for Road and Rail for proposed works within the land owned by Network Rail and leased to South Western Railway.

2. Reason for the decision:

2.1 Hampshire County Council and Rushmoor Borough Council have a long-standing interest in delivering accessibility and public realm improvements at Aldershot Train Station; it is a key gateway to the town centre and an important rail and bus interchange facility. The forecourt and station approach has historically experienced issues with congestion and traffic movement conflicts and no longer provides a welcoming environment for residents or visitors. Development over time within the town centre has rendered the existing arrangement for bus and rail interchange increasingly inefficient. It is anticipated that the significant proposed development in Aldershot will increase the number of all trips (pedestrians, cycling, public transport and private motor vehicles) to and from the town on a daily basis, compounding current access and interchange issues for all modes around the station. This scheme therefore represents a timely opportunity to encourage wider shift to more sustainable modes through improvements to the local active travel network and public transport nodes.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. Hampshire County Council has progressed the design phase of the project under a commission from Rushmoor Borough Council. The original intention was for Rushmoor Borough Council to undertake the Client role through to delivery of the project. However, following consideration by both organisations, it has been agreed that the County Council is more suitably placed to procure and deliver the project. The County Council is the largest funding contributor to the project. Therefore, it is appropriate that it should implement the scheme and directly manage the associated delivery risks. The County Council will take on the Client role for the procurement and construction phases of the scheme, with a continuation of the close partnership working with the Borough Council already established to date to ensure a successful delivery 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:

8 October 2020

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