

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Cabinet
Date:	29 September 2020
Title:	Major Developments and Infrastructure Funding
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

That the Cabinet agrees:

- 1.1. The principle of the County Council fully utilising existing provisions under section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to secure the necessary infrastructure to mitigate the impact of development, including the cumulative impact of smaller developments.
- 1.2. That a corporate policy setting out the County Council's infrastructure and developer contribution requirements be developed based on the principles set out in the report and that authority be delegated to the Leader for final approval of the policy;
- 1.3. That a planning obligations monitoring fee be introduced as of 1 October 2020 to support the efficient monitoring and management of developer contribution funds and legal agreements.
- 1.4. That a corporate response to the white paper, 'Planning for the Future' and the consultation document 'Changes to the Current Planning System' be prepared along the lines set out in the report, with authority delegated to the Leader, in consultation with the Deputy Leader, for final approval and submission of the County Council's response.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. To ensure that infrastructure funding is prioritised to deliver the improvements needed to mitigate against the impact of development and deliver necessary infrastructure, for the benefit of local communities.
- 2.2. To provide advice and guidance to both the local planning authorities and developers on infrastructure requirements to ensure that the infrastructure needed for new development, and to mitigate the impact of development on existing infrastructure, is secured and delivered for the residents of Hampshire.

2.3. To enable the County Council to effectively monitor planning obligations and ensure that all developer contributions are paid when required to support the capital programme and used to deliver essential public infrastructure.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. The County Council could decide not to prioritise infrastructure funding however this option was rejected as it would be contrary to the County Council's Strategic Priorities, including to enable strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity and for people in Hampshire to enjoy being part of strong and inclusive communities.

3.2. The County Council could continue to provide guidance on a departmental basis, however this option was rejected as it is considered that a corporate approach would give local planning authorities and developers a better understanding of all the infrastructure the County Council requires and provide a sound policy basis for negotiations.

3.3. The County Council could choose not to introduce a planning obligations monitoring fee. However, this option was rejected as the revenue from doing so will enable the County Council to employ a dedicated resource to effectively monitor all planning obligations on a corporate basis and ensure that they are complied with.

4. Conflicts of interest:

4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker:

Councillor Woodward declared a personal interest as Leader of a District Council.

Councillor Heron declared a personal interest as both a planning consultant and a member of a District Council

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:

29 September 2020

**Chairman of Cabinet
Councillor Keith Mans**