

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
Date:	11 March 2021
Title:	Active Travel Fund (ATF) Brighton Way, Basingstoke Cycle Route Scheme
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 approves the Project Appraisal for the Brighton Way cycle route Scheme in Basingstoke, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the supporting report.
- 1.2 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 Brighton Way cycle route scheme at an estimated cost of £551,202 to be funded from the Active Travel Fund from the Department for Transport and developer contributions.
- 1.3 That authority to make arrangements to implement the scheme, including minor variations to the design or contract, be delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. The decision will enable the delivery of the proposed Brighton Way cycle route and meets Hampshire County Council's commitment to creating better spaces for people walking and cycling in the county.
- 2.2. The decision is being made now to meet programme and funding requirements set out by the Department for Transport.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. A do-nothing option was considered but rejected as when the Brighton Hill roundabout improvement is implemented this section of Brighton Way through to Sullivan Road will not have a cycle route. As a result, the cycle route would end, and cyclists would be required to dismount. The stepped cycle track needs to link through to Sullivan Road to provide cycle continuity.

3.2. Alternative options were considered during the development stage of the scheme including an alternative routing of the cycle path nearside of the carriageway. This was rejected as land adjacent to the carriageway is reserved for strategic corridor improvements and any such cycle route now would have limited life and value for money.

3.3. A narrower width of footway and cycle track of 2.5 metres was considered but rejected as this would only offer minimum width in accordance with the Government's Local Transport Note 1/20 and would not operate as efficiently as the desirable 3.0 metres width. Brighton Hill roundabout improvement scheme is using 3.0m wide cycle tracks as default.

4. Conflicts of interest:

4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None.

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:

11 March 2021

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