

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Recreation, Heritage, Countryside and Rural Affairs
<b>Date:</b>	19 March 2021
<b>Title:</b>	Rights of Way and Countryside Paths (Covid)
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services

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#### 1. The decision:

1.1 That the Executive Member for Recreation, Heritage, Countryside and Rural Affairs:

- i) Notes the impact of increased use and weather conditions on the rights of way network and paths at country parks and countryside sites across Hampshire.
- ii) Approves the establishment of a £500,000 Path Recovery programme to carry out remedial works to improve the condition of the worst affected rights of way and countryside paths in 2021/22 to be funded from the CCBS accumulated Cost of Change reserve.

#### 2. Reasons for the decision:

2.1. A Path Recovery programme is proposed to address some of the worst affected rights of way and paths across the countryside estate over the next 6 months and approval is sought for £500,000 of CCBS Departmental underspends to be allocated for 2021/22.

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

3.1 None.

#### 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:**

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**Councillor Edward Heron  
Executive Member for Recreation, Heritage,  
Countryside and Rural Affairs**

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