

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
Date:	8 July 2021
Title:	Solent Transport
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- 1.1 That the Executive Member for Policy and Resources approves the proposed changes to the legal agreement for Transport for South Hampshire and the Isle of Wight (also known as Solent Transport), as set out in Appendix A of the report, and gives authority to enter into contractual arrangements in consultation with the Head of Legal Services.
- 1.2 That the Executive Member for Policy and Resources confirms that Solent Transport shall from this point onwards report to the Executive Member for Economy Transport and Environment on operational, policy and budgetary matters.

2. Reason for the decision:

- 2.1 The Solent Transport Joint Committee has agreed that changes and updates are required to the Transport for South Hampshire and Isle of Wight (TfSHIOW) legal agreement to assist with the smooth running of the Joint Committee.
- 2.2 Solent Transport is an organisation that for operational, policy and budgetary purposes falls within the decision-making responsibilities of the Executive Member for Economy Transport and Environment. It is therefore appropriate, for the purposes of continuity and efficiency that authority for these matters is confirmed as being with the Executive member for Economy Transport and Environment, as the most appropriate level of decision making by the County Council. Authority was originally transferred from the Environment and Transport portfolio to that of Policy and Resources to avoid a conflict of interest at a time when the Executive Member for Environment and Transport was also Chairman of Solent Transport. This is no longer the case.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1 Not to agree the changes to the Solent Transport Joint Committee. This option was rejected as it would effectively amount to leaving the organisation.

3.2 The option to continue with the current portfolio arrangements has been considered but rejected as it is an inefficient and ineffective use of resources and does not provide for transparent accountability by the County Council in its decision-making processes.

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 July 2021

**Executive Member for Policy and Resources
Councillor Keith Mans**