

# HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Highway Operations
<b>Date:</b>	29 July 2021
<b>Title:</b>	Highway Policy Position to Support Business Recovery
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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### 1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Executive Member for Highway Operations approves the Highway Policy Position set out in the report to assist the district and borough councils in facilitating accelerated economic recovery in Hampshire's town centres and high streets.
- 1.2. That authority is delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment, in consultation with the Executive Member for Highway Operations, to prepare a process and procedure, and to make arrangements to enable the implementation of the policy from 1 August 2021.
- 1.3. That the policy and arrangements be reviewed and reported back to the Executive Member at an appropriate time.

### 2. Reason for the decision:

- 2.1. To respond to the various Government provisions to support high streets in recovering from the Covid-19 Pandemic, and specifically to provide clarity on how applications under s171, and consultations under 115(e) of the Highways Act 1980 and Part 1 of the Business and Planning Act 2020 affecting the highway should be considered and supported, or refused as appropriate, during the recovery phase from the Covid-19 pandemic, and to allow the Director to review the arrangements for their suitability as the situation evolves.

### 3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1 Not to agree a Highways Policy Position to support Business Recovery. This option was rejected as it could lead to the unnecessary refusal of proposals that have marginal impact in highway terms but have wider economic benefits and would therefore be more favourably assessed under a revised policy with wider assessment criteria.

**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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**29 July 2021**

**Executive Member for Highways Operations  
Councillor Russell Oppenheimer**