

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Highways Operations
Date:	29 July 2021
Title:	Active Travel Fund Tranche 2 Programme
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- 1.1 That the Executive Member for Highways Operations notes the significant progress that has been made on developing the programme of schemes for Tranche 2 of the Active Travel Fund and the findings of the recent public consultation events for each scheme.
- 1.2 That approval is given for detailed design work for schemes at: Aldershot Station, Brockenhurst, Basingstoke (Brighton Way), North Camp (Camp Road & Old Lynchford Road), Winchester, and Petersfield, (some elements of the original proposals) Gosport-Fareham BRT route improvements, Low Traffic Neighbourhoods, School Cycle Support, and A27 Continuous Footways, as detailed in the report, to ensure that the timescales of the funding allocation can be met.
- 1.3 That authority is delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport, and Environment to make the necessary arrangements to implement the Active Travel schemes including authority to procure and spend, enter into the necessary agreements in consultation with the Head of Legal Services, and secure any consents required.
- 1.4 That proposals for Romsey Town Centre are not progressed further at this time, given the limited impact this proposal had in promoting a greater proportion of journeys by Active Travel modes and the lack of support received through the public consultation.
- 1.5 That approval is given to remove the Emergency Active Travel schemes in Winchester following the additional traffic data collection previously agreed by the Executive Member for Highways Operations.
- 1.6 That approval is given in principle for the temporary closure of Great Minster Street in Winchester to support local businesses recovering from the impacts of lockdown, consistent with the Winchester Movement Strategy, and that authority is delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport, and Environment to work with Winchester City Council to make the necessary arrangements.

- 1.7 That the County Council continues to work with Winchester City Council to develop and implement a Winchester Movement Strategy to effectively support Active Travel Modes in the city centre.
- 1.8 That the County Council works with, and supports, East Hampshire District Council and Petersfield Town Council to develop a town centre 'Place Making' scheme, in addition to and complementing the smaller Tranche 2 Active Travel scheme.
- 1.9 That the County Council works with, and supports, Eastleigh Borough Council to develop a town centre 'Place Making' scheme as an alternative to the Tranche 2 Active Travel scheme
- 1.10 That the Executive Member for Highways Operations notes that there will be further work and consultation for an alternative Active Travel proposals for Stubbington.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. To advise the Executive Member for Highways Operations of the consultation and engagement work undertaken as part of the Active Travel Fund programme and seek approval to undertake detailed design.
- 2.2. The decision will allow for the Active Travel Fund programme to proceed in line with funding requirements and to provide additional road space and facilities for walking and cycling at locations across Hampshire.
- 2.3. The decision is sought now to ensure the programme can be delivered in line with the Department for Transport's (DfT's) timescales for the funding to be spent.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Not to proceed with the schemes. This was rejected as this would lose the opportunity to improve access for active travel modes across the County. In addition, the funding from the DfT would have to be paid back and the lack of delivery would potentially harm the success of future funding bids.

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:

I thank the Select Committee for scrutinising the report and proposals ahead of my Decision Day and also the deputations that came along to speak on this item. I note that further work is ongoing around place making and active travel, including that in parts of Winchester and Romsey.

Approved by:

Date:

29 July 2021

Executive Member for Highways Operations

Councillor Russell Oppenheimer