

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
Date:	18 November 2021
Title:	Project Appraisal: Farnborough Growth Package (North Camp)
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- 1.1 That the Executive Lead Member for Economy, Transport and Environment approve the Project Appraisal for the Farnborough Growth Package, which is comprised of the A3011 Lynchford Road Improvement Scheme in Farnborough, Old Lynchford Road Active Travel Fund Tranche 2 and Blackwater Valley Gold Grid – Alexandra Road as set out in this report.
- 1.2 That, subject to approval of the change in capital programme value of the Old Lynchford Road Active Travel Fund Tranche 2 scheme to £0.676million, approval be given to procure, spend and enter into necessary contractual arrangements, in consultation with the Head of Legal Services, and to implement the proposed improvements at an estimated cost of £9.928million funded by the Enterprise M3 LEP, Department for Transport Active Travel Fund Tranche 2 grant, and developer contributions.
- 1.3 That authority to make the arrangements to implement the scheme, including minor variations to the design or contract, and entering into any necessary land agreements be delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment, in consultation with the Head of Legal Services.

2. Reason for the decision:

- 2.1 The recommendations for approval are made so that a single contract can be let to enable delivery of capacity improvements to the highway, public transport and active travel networks. This will deliver benefits in support of maintaining strong and resilient economic growth and prosperity; people in Hampshire being able to live safe, healthy and independent lives; and people in Hampshire being part of strong, inclusive, resilient communities.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1 The option to Do Nothing has been considered for each element of the package individually. Failure to progress with the package would result in the congestion and travel time benefits anticipated through the Lynchford Road Improvement Scheme not being realised, improvements to walking and cycling facilities of wider area benefit to the North Camp community would not be achieved, and there would still be delay to a principal bus route on the Gold Grid network. Enterprise M3 LEP grant funds spent to date in developing the scheme would need to be returned and there would be a missed opportunity to renew and extend the life of highway asset that would result in increased future maintenance costs to Hampshire County Council.
- 3.2 A further option to continue with the four-lane Lynchford Road Improvement scheme previously approved by the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment in July 2020 was also considered. This was rejected, as the revised proposal maintains the core benefits of the previous scheme, significantly reduces the environmental impact, and provides enhanced measures for active travel.

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 Mark Sullivan for attending to speak at my Decision Day today and I welcome the County Council maintaining an open dialogue with the local community as plans progress.

Approved by:	Date:
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Executive Lead Member for Economy, Transport and Environment Councillor Rob Humby	