

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
Date:	18 November 2021
Title:	Waterside A326 North Improvements Update
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That approval is given to develop 'Option 2' as the preferred improvement option for the A326 (subject to the approval of the Strategic Outline Business Case submission by the Department for Transport (DfT)) and to undertake a further public consultation on this preferred option, as and when feasibility design has been completed.
- 1.2. That authority is delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment, in consultation with the Head of Legal Services, to enter into contractual arrangements with the DfT to spend Large Local Majors (LLM) funding on developing the preferred improvement option and to assemble the necessary financial package to deliver the scheme, including funds from private individuals.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1 In the event that the County Council is successful in bidding for development funding for the A326 Large Local Majors scheme, the decisions made in this report will allow the County Council to progress development work for the A326 Large Local Majors Scheme with greater speed than would otherwise be the case. The actions are required to ensure that this area is able to realise the strong and sustainable economic growth that is planned and outlined in the 'Waterside Vision' document. They are also required in order to ensure the continued efficient and safe operation of the transport network in the area, which in turn contributes to local people being able to live safe, healthy and independent lives.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Not seeking approval at this time, and instead waiting to seek approval until the Strategic Outline Business Case has been formally approved by the DfT, would be likely to impact the programme timescales associated with the A326 scheme and accompanying DfT funding.

3.2. Failure to seek approval at this time may mean the scheme is unable to progress, that the impact of future development remains unmitigated, and that the County Council as Highway Authority may not be able to sustain support for some growth proposals.

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:

Thank you to Philip Thomas, who spoke on behalf of the Waterside Cycling Action Group and also to the local County Councillor Malcolm Wade who attended by Decision Day today.

Approved by:

Date:

18 November 2021

**Executive Lead Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
Councillor Rob Humby**