

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Executive Decision Record**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member-Environment
Date:	9 March 2010
Title:	Project Appraisal: Regeneration of Older Urban Areas Initiative Environmental Improvement Scheme – West Street, Fareham
Reference:	1360
Report From:	Director of Environment

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1. The following decision was made:

That the Project Appraisal for the construction of Accessibility and Environmental Improvements in West Street, Fareham, at an estimated cost of £305,000, be approved and that the County Council's contribution is set at a ceiling figure of £100,000.

2. Reasons for the decision:

2.1. West Street is the principal shopping area in Fareham and is identified in the South East Regional Plan as of sub-regional importance. The majority of the area is in the High Street Conservation Area. A transport study carried out by the County Council in 2007, and the emerging Town Centre Access Plan, recommend environmental enhancement of West Street. Informed by the Community Strategy, the Local Development Framework Core Strategy includes the following objective: to regenerate and enhance the environment of the West Street area. This is listed as a high priority in Fareham Borough Council's adopted Corporate Vision. This scheme concentrates on the eastern end of West Street, utilising significant Borough Council funding and building on 2007-08 investment by the local authority in the western end of West Street.

2.2. Approval of the scheme will contribute towards the Corporate Strategy:

- (i) "Making Hampshire Safer and More Secure for All" by providing improvements to footways and crossing facilities that will help the more vulnerable to access local facilities.
- (ii) "Maximising well-being" by improving opportunities and ease with which people can access local facilities and services.

- (iii) “Enhancing our quality of place” by improving this area of Fareham and supporting its local distinctiveness.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Do nothing was rejected, as the improvements, utilising available funding, are needed to provide a safer and more attractive environment for all those living, working and visiting West Street. The proposals respond to the local issues, needs and priorities identified by the local community.
- 3.2. This final version reflects a refinement of the consultation proposals and rejection of more comprehensive improvements to Quay Street, as a lower priority and following concerns to minimise disruption to businesses.

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 Standards Committee: 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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Executive Member for Environment Councillor M J Kendal	