

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member – Environment
Date:	29 June 2010
Title:	Project Appraisal: Regeneration of Older Urban Areas Initiative Environmental Improvement and Cycle Way Scheme – Leigh Park Centre, Havant
Reference:	1682
Report From:	Director of Environment

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1. The decision: **(PROPOSED)**

1.1. That the Project Appraisal for the construction of Environmental Improvements and Cycle Way Scheme in Leigh Park Centre, Havant, at an estimated cost of £417,000, be approved.

2. Reasons for the decision:

2.1. Leigh Park Centre has been identified by Havant Borough Council as a district retail centre, and is one of Havant's 3 principal shopping centres providing facilities for the extensive residential areas to the north and west of Havant. The centre has been identified by Hampshire County Council, Havant Borough Council, South East England Development Agency (SEEDA), The Prince's Foundation and Portsmouth City Council as a priority area for regeneration "primarily through physical improvements with the focus on how Leigh Park works as a place and a community". This is reflected in the Leigh Park Strategic Framework SPD adopted in 2006, the Borough Council's Corporate Strategy and the Community Strategy "Forward Together" (2008 – 2012). This scheme concentrates on the two principal pedestrian entrances to the centre at Dunsbury Way and Somborne Drive, utilising Regeneration of Older Urban Areas Initiative funding, developers contributions and significant Borough Council funding.

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 Havant 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 Leigh Park Centre. 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 Somborne Drive because of the constraints of utilities, the accessibility requirements of disabled motorists and a local desire to retain the existing pedestrian crossing facility.

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: 29 June 2010
Executive Member for Environment Councillor M J Kendal	