

**HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Executive Decision Record**

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Hampshire Economic Board
<b>Date:</b>	16 February 2011
<b>Title:</b>	Access to Finance
<b>Reference:</b>	2510
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Economic Development and County Treasurer

**Contact name:** Frances Stokes

**Tel:** 01962 845767

**Email:** frances.stokes@hants.gov.uk

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

- (a) That Hampshire County Council pursues opportunities to encourage its contractors to pay their sub-contractors promptly, including the development of a good practice guide.
- (b) That further discussions be held with Enterprise First on its plans to improve access to finance for small businesses through direct collaboration with banks.

**2. Reason for the decision:**

- 2.1. To offer further help and support to Hampshire businesses in a continuing difficult financial climate.

**3. Other options considered and rejected:**

- 3.1. Do nothing.

**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:**

-----

**16 February 2011**

**Chairman of the Hampshire Economic Board  
Councillor T K Thornber CBE**