

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member – Policy and Resources
Date:	21 July 2011
Title:	Project Appraisal: Andover Bus Station
Reference:	2494
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- a) That the proposal to remodel and extend Andover Bus Station, at an estimated total cost of £2,400,000, be approved.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1 The Andover Bus Station enhancement project forms a core part of the Andover Town Access Plan and is integral to the town's transport strategy. Major development in the town will add extra bus service provision and create more pressure on an already constrained bus station. There is no additional capacity to accommodate these new services in the existing bus station.
- 2.2 The current bus station contains very limited facilities for passengers. There is no enclosed waiting area, no refreshment facility nor a customer information office and this project will address these issues.
- 2.3 The bus station provides a poor gateway to the town for people arriving by bus and for pedestrians arriving from the east of the town. A modern and improved bus station will provide an improved gateway to the town centre.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. To do nothing is not a viable option as the bus station does not have sufficient capacity to handle the increased number of bus services as a result of significant new developments in the town.
- 3.2. Additionally, much of the funding is specific developer contributions which will be received over a number of years, as developments progress. If not spent on the bus station, receipts may have to be returned.

3.3. The option to re-build the bus station in phases as the funding is triggered by certain levels of development was considered but rejected on grounds of additional cost and length of disruption to the bus station and the public.

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: ----- Executive Member for Policy and Resources Councillor T K Thornber CBE	Date: 21 July 2011
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