

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Executive Decision Record**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member – Environment and Transport
Date:	6 March 2012
Title:	ECOTEC 21 European Project
Reference:	3611
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- a) That, subject to the ECOTEC 21 project proposal being selected by the Interreg Programme Committee to proceed to implementation, the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment be given delegated authority to approve the final terms of participation in consultation with the Executive Member for Environment and Transport.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. The ECOTEC 21 project will focus on enabling partners across the Channel to further understand the use of Combined Heat and Power (CHP) in existing buildings with a view to facilitating implementation and increasing uptake in the programme area.
- 2.2. The County Council is currently considering the development of district energy in Winchester, with any potential scheme utilising CHP technology. Work is underway to support the development of a more detailed business case for this. In addition, district energy schemes and CHP are also being considered in other areas of the county.
- 2.3. In order to successfully progress work in these areas, the County Council will need to expand its knowledge, understanding and expertise relating to district energy and CHP technology. ECOTEC 21 will provide an opportunity to do this. Particular planned activities are relevant for tasks that the County Council will need to undertake in any case.
- 2.4. The programme provides grant funding for up to 50% of eligible expenditure. Thus, funding and partnership support will be available to the County Council to support elements of ongoing and upcoming work.

- 2.5. Participation in a European project will also enable the County Council to raise its profile at a European level; build partnerships and relationships with other organisations and regions across the Channel area; gain up-to-date and relevant skills and expertise in European project development and delivery; and facilitate understanding of complex external funding opportunities specifically relating to the energy and climate change agendas.
- 2.6. If the project is approved, a formal decision to participate will need to be made by Hampshire County Council. This decision will need to be taken immediately as the project contract will be signed by the Lead Partner without delay.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. That Hampshire County Council does not agree to participate as a partner in the ECOTEC 21 project if the project proposal is selected to proceed to implementation in March 2012.

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:

6 March 2012

**Executive Member for Environment and Transport
Councillor M J Kendal**