

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Executive Decision Record**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member – Policy and Resources
Date:	13 June 2012
Title:	The Square, Winchester Phase 2 – Great Minster Street
Reference:	3908
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- a) That £240,000 of the Corporate Policy Reserve be allocated to enable environmental improvements to The Square, Winchester to be extended to include Great Minster Street, subject to confirmation of the funding contribution from Winchester City Council.

2. Reasons for the decision:

2.1 The proposed improvements to Great Minster Street will provide a high quality, attractive and safe surface appropriate to the economic and cultural importance of the area. The work will extend the benefits of the recently completed schemes in the High Street and The Square providing further support for local businesses, promoting access for all and enhancing the historic setting to Winchester Cathedral. Winchester City Council has agreed to contribute £60,000 towards extending the improvements in to Great Minster Street to provide a high quality finish consistent with that completed in The Square.

2.2 The works will improve the condition of the highway ensuring a robust surface for many years to come with a minimum of inconvenient reactive repair work.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. A minimal 'black top' scheme has been investigated which would address functional highway requirements. However this was not considered to meet the objectives of the County Council's partners in respect of the quality of public realm works in this particular area of Winchester, which is part of the

historic cathedral setting. It is also felt that this enhanced scheme would assist businesses located in the immediate area.

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 Policy and Resources Councillor T K Thornber, CBE	