

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Executive Decision Record**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member – Environment and Transport
Date:	24 July 2012
Title:	Surface Water Management Plans
Reference:	4042
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- a) That authority be delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment to review and approve (in consultation with the Executive Member for Environment and Transport) the suite of Surface Water Management Plans to be produced over the next three years.
- b) That an annual update report be presented to the Executive Member for Environment and Transport each January updating on progress with implementation of the Flood and Water Management Act (2010).

2. Reason for the decision:

- 2.1 The County Council is required to produce a number of Surface Water Management Plans (SWaMPs) which will ultimately be available in the public domain. They will require formal approval before they are published. Given that a number of documents are to be produced in a rolling programme over the next three years, it is considered that the most efficient way to achieve this sign-off is by delegation to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1 The County Council is legally required to produce the four SWaMPs. One each for Eastleigh, Rushmoor and Basingstoke and Deane districts and one for Central Hampshire. One option considered was not to produce any additional SWaMPs. This option was rejected as it is necessary to produce detailed evidence of flood risk across the county from surface water, groundwater and ordinary water courses. The best way to collate and interpret this evidence is through preparing a SWaMP. The evidence will also

be vital in informing the County Council's work on preparing a Local Flood Risk Management Strategy which, in turn, will be vital in securing funding for flood risk management and mitigation schemes across the county. Therefore this option was rejected.

3.2 The second option rejected was to bring each individual SWaMP document formally to the Executive Member for approval. This was rejected in the interests of speed and efficiency and avoiding duplication of effort.

4. **Conflicts of interest:** none

5. **Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel:** 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 Environment and Transport Councillor M J Kendal	Date: 24 July 2012
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