

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Cabinet
Date:	29 October 2012
Title:	Solent Enterprise Zone
Reference:	4383
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- a) That the strategic significance of the Solent Enterprise Zone to the wider Hampshire economy be acknowledged.
- b) That approval be given for Hampshire County Council to act as the lead delivery body for the Solent Enterprise Zone, including acting both as applicant and recipient in relation to the Growing Places Fund, subject to appropriate legal agreements and indemnities being secured.
- c) That, subject to the Solent Local Enterprise Partnership providing instructions on the terms and conditions of the legal contract in relation to Growing Places Fund, authority be delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment (Assistant Director Economic Development) to finalise and agree the details of this legal contract.
- d) That, subject to appropriate terms and conditions of the legal contract with the Homes and Communities Agency in relation to Hampshire County Council's responsibility for the procurement of the design and construction of the on-site works for the initial phase of the Solent Enterprise Zone, and the indemnifying of Hampshire County Council in relation to all risks/costs associated with the repayment of the Growing Places Fund monies, authority be delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment (Assistant Director Economic Development) to finalise and agree the details of this legal contract.
- e) That Officers investigate opportunities for a potential Enterprise Zone at Eastleigh and other support to employees of Ford.
- f) That the Leader of the Council writes to the Business Secretary to ask for Government support to Ford employees.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. To enable Hampshire County Council to fulfil the role of delivery partner for the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) in terms of the on-site works associated with the initial phase of the Solent Enterprise Zone.

- 2.2. To enable Hampshire County Council to receive monies from the Growing Places Fund, both for the off-site highways works and on-site works associated with the initial phase of the Solent Enterprise Zone.
- 2.3. To ensure Hampshire County Council is indemnified by HCA in relation to all risks and costs associated with the repayment of the Growing Places Fund monies to the Solent Local Enterprise Partnership.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. HCA to act as delivery vehicle – rejected as HCA do not have the required technical resources to undertake this project.
- 3.2. HCA to appoint private sector development partner – rejected as undertaking the project through an externally appointed development partner would involve an unacceptable timescale for delivery.

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 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:	Date:
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Chairman of the Cabinet Councillor T K Thornber CBE	