

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Decision Report

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
<b>Date:</b>	1 April 2014
<b>Title:</b>	Solent Enterprise Zone (Daedalus) – Waterfront East West Spine Road
<b>Reference:</b>	5744
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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#### 1.0 Executive Summary

1.1 The purpose of this paper is to gain approval for Hampshire County Council to act as the delivery partner for the Waterfront East West Spine road, on behalf of the Homes and Communities Agency (as Landowner of the Solent Enterprise Zone) and the Solent Local Enterprise Partnership.

1.2 This paper seeks to:

- Set out the background to the project;
- Explain the proposed funding for the project;
- Explain the proposed delivery arrangements for the project.

#### 2.0 Background

2.1 The 'Waterfront' is a 20 hectare development opportunity forming part of the wider Solent Enterprise Zone. It lies within Gosport to the south of the site near the Lee-on-the-Solent waterfront. The aspiration by the delivery partners is to attract significant private investment into the Waterfront and create job growth for the wider community. The Waterfront has a conservation area with important heritage buildings. The Waterfront will be marketed to potential development partners by the Homes and Communities Agency in 2014/15.

2.2 Outline planning permission for the Waterfront is sought for:

- Approx. 48,750 square metres of new build employment space
- 21,240 square metres of employment space in refurbished buildings
- 164 new homes and 36 refurbished homes
- A residential care home with 32 units

- Over 1,000 square metres of new retail
  - Over 1,800 square metres of community use
  - Approx. 10,600 square metres of leisure space
- 2.3 The Waterside presents an opportunity to secure significant private sector investment into the Solent Enterprise Zone. However in its current form, the Waterfront's infrastructure is inadequate and preventing its full potential as a location for attracting any inward investment.
- 2.4 The Solent Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) has provisionally secured a Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) Enterprise Zone grant fund of £7 million to create the new East West Spine road for the Waterfront.
- 2.5 The Solent LEP are now developing a robust business case to demonstrate to DCLG how the new East West spine road will be delivered. As part of this process a delivery partner will need to be agreed in order for the scheme to be progressed within the agreed timescale set by DCLG.

### **3.0 Finance**

- 3.1 The provisional £7 million grant funding for the East West spine road is subject to DCLG final approval of the business case.
- 3.2 DCLG have confirmed the funding allocation, subject to the above condition, to the Solent LEP. There is likely to be a grant agreement between Portsmouth City Council and Hampshire County Council with a draw down schedule against milestones. These will be agreed between the Solent LEP and DCLG.
- 3.3 Portsmouth City Council will be the holding body for the DCLG grant as they are the nominated accountable body for the Solent LEP.
- 3.4 The County Council will utilize its procurement and contractual arrangements to deliver the project on behalf of the Solent LEP.

### **4.0 Proposed Delivery Arrangements**

- 4.1 It is proposed that Hampshire County Council acts as the delivery partner for the Homes and Communities Agency to deliver the new Waterfront East West spine road.
- 4.2 Hampshire County Council officers involved in the project are in agreement with our partners that the authority is able to lead on project managing the delivery of the spine road due to its in-house expertise and resources. The works could be procured within the County Council's procurement framework arrangements, as has been done for the initial infrastructure works. A contractual Joint Working Agreement between Hampshire County

Council and the Homes and Communities Agency would clearly specify the roles and responsibilities of both partners.

- 4.3 Hampshire County Council would deploy its Engineering Consultancy team to develop the design requirements for the spine road, prepare the project documentation, and appoint and manage the contractor to build the spine road.
- 4.4 Hampshire County Council's Engineering Consultancy team will ensure that any risks to the delivery of the spine road are identified to the Daedalus Delivery Group and the Infrastructure Delivery Group, on both of which the Homes and Communities Agency, the Solent LEP, and Hampshire County Council are represented and meet on a monthly basis.
- 4.5 Progress on the delivery of the works and identified risks would also be reported to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment and the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment.

## **5.0 Recommendations**

- 5.1 That authority be given for the County Council to act as the delivery body for the Waterfront Spine Road on behalf of the Solent LEP and to enter into appropriate contractual arrangements, up to the value of the total fund allocated to that project by the Solent LEP, and to seek any consents or other arrangements necessary to deliver the project.
- 5.2 That authority be delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport, and Environment to finalise contractual and other arrangements pursuant to the delivery of the Waterfront Spine Road project on behalf of the Solent LEP.

**CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:****Links to the Corporate Strategy**

<b>Hampshire safer and more secure for all:</b>	no
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
<b>Maximising well-being:</b>	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
<b>Enhancing our quality of place:</b>	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	

**Other Significant Links**

<b>Links to previous Member decisions:</b>		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Date</u>
“Daedalus Phase 2 – Runway Upgrade, Fareham”	5288	05/11/13
“Solent Enterprise Zone – Phase 1A”	No reference	11/10/13
“Solent Enterprise Zone”	4383	29/10/12
<b>Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives</b>		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	

**Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents**

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

<u>Document</u>	<u>Location</u>
None	

## **IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:**

### **1. Equalities Impact Assessment:**

- 1.1 The proposals in this report have been developed with due regard to the requirements of the Equality Act 2010, including the Public Sector Equality Duty and the Council's equality objectives. An assessment of the impacts in this service area can be found at <http://documents.hants.gov.uk/equality-impact-assessments/ete/3-3-regeneration.doc>
- 1.2 It is considered that the issues covered by this report will not have impacts requiring further specific actions by the Council above those already established in its existing policies and working procedures.

### **2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:**

- 2.1 Not applicable.

### **3. Climate Change:**

- 3.1. How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?

The creation of the new spine road at the Solent Enterprise Zone will enable local residents in the Gosport and Fareham districts to access new employment opportunities within their community and thereby reduce the carbon footprint by a reduction in car journeys and commuting times.

- 3.2. How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?

The new access road will create a physical linkage between the surrounding residential areas and the Waterfront. Local people will be able to walk to work by having a direct access to the Waterfront from their homes.