

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
Date:	11 July 2014
Title:	Project Appraisal: Andover Town Centre Accessibility Improvements Chantry Street/High Street/Newbury Street
Reference:	5936
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That approval be given to procure, spend, and enter into necessary contractual arrangements to implement the proposed improvements to Chantry Street, High Street, and Newbury Street in Andover Town Centre as set out in the supporting report, at an estimated cost of £553,000 to be funded from Developer Contributions and the Hampshire Sustainable Travel Towns Local Sustainable Transport Fund.
- 1.2. That authority to make the arrangements to implement the scheme, including minor variations to the design or contract, be delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport, and Environment in consultation with the Executive Member for Economy, Transport, and Environment.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. To improve the quality of the environment, thereby supporting local businesses and the wider town centre retail economy;
- 2.2. To improve the quality of the environment to recognise and enhance the area's inclusion in the Andover Conservation Area, and its designation as an area of high architectural importance;
- 2.3. To maintain an adequate level of vehicular access for the retail units so as to support local businesses and the wider town centre retail economy;
- 2.4. To improve the pedestrian provision by widening the existing footways;
- 2.5. To provide a missing section of the circular town centre cycle route, forming an east to west connection for cyclists north of the town centre.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Footway widening on both sides of the road: this was rejected as there was minimal footway gain with this option.
- 3.2. Footway widening on the western side: this was shown to be ineffective due to vehicle movements on the corner of Newbury Street/High Street.
- 3.3. On carriageway cycle lanes: this was rejected as the carriageway is too narrow.

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. Reasons for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by: ----- Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment Councillor Seán D T Woodward	Date: 11 July 2014
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