

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Executive Decision Record**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
Date:	9 September 2014
Title:	Project Appraisal: Town Centre Enhancements, Church Street, Romsey
Reference:	6042
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Executive Member for Economy, Transport, and Environment approve the Project Appraisal for Church Street, Romsey, as outlined in the supporting report.
- 1.2. That approval be given to procure and spend and enter into necessary contractual arrangements to implement the proposed Church Street, Romsey environmental enhancement scheme, as set out in the supporting report, at an estimated cost of £570,000.
- 1.3. 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.

2. Reason for the decision:

- 2.1. To enable the provision of a shared space environment in this historical area of Romsey to address the problem experienced by residents and visitors to the town centre of narrow and uneven footways, limited facilities for cyclists and the need to balance the desire to have parking in close proximity to amenities with the requirement for convenient locations for delivery vehicles. The 2009 visitor survey results highlight the importance of ensuring that any improvements to enhance the town centre take into account the needs of a variety of potential users as this scheme plans to do.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Provide shared space between Church Place and Abbey Walk only, thus avoiding the narrow section of the street. This was rejected as pinch-points will now reduce the carriageway to single file thus accommodating shared space for the narrower sections.
- 3.2. Improve footways and carriageway but not introduce shared space. This was rejected as it would not provide the improved accessibility options required to meet the needs of all users.
- 3.3. Make a feature of the hidden stream running below the footway. It was considered desirable but the implementation may lead to increased maintenance and has been deferred. This could potentially be pursued in the future within the footway marking the course of the stream.
- 3.4. Parking Zone - This was rejected in favour of primrose yellow lines as it was felt they would be more robust in managing parking in this street and also would not add to the signage clutter.

4. Conflicts of interest:

- 4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker:
- 4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted:

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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Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment	
Councillor Seán D T Woodward	