

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Cabinet
Date:	27 October 2014
Title:	Local Growth Deals (Enterprise M3 and Solent LEPs)
Reference:	5993
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the role of Hampshire County Council as a key delivery partner for both the Enterprise M3 and Solent LEPs is endorsed;
- 1.2. That the provision of support from the County Council, as the Accountable Body for the Enterprise M3 LEP in relation to the delivery of the Local Growth Fund programme in 2015/16 and in future years, is endorsed, on the basis that the reasonable costs of providing such services are recovered from the LEP;
- 1.3. That approval be given for Hampshire County Council to enter into a revised governance agreement with the Enterprise M3 LEP to enable the scope of our role as accountable body to encompass all funding streams under the control of the LEP;
- 1.4. That Cabinet approves appropriate engagement and participation of the County Council in the arrangements which will ensure all local authorities in the LEP areas are involved in joint decision making in relation to growth and economic development;
- 1.5. That approval be given for Hampshire County Council to explore the potential to develop a partnership approach with the Homes & Communities Agency (HCA) in relation to the delivery of key regeneration projects across Hampshire;
- 1.6. That endorsement is given to Hampshire County Council continuing to support the two LEPs in progressing negotiations for future rounds of funding from the Local Growth Fund, for the benefit of the county, its residents and its prosperity.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. The significant capital investment secured through the Growth Deals will support Hampshire County Council's key corporate objective of promoting economic prosperity;
- 2.2. Hampshire County Council is the statutory highways authority for its administrative area and is therefore a crucial delivery partner for the two Hampshire LEPs in relation to the transport schemes within the Growth Deals;
- 2.3. Hampshire County Council acts as the accountable body for the Enterprise M3 LEP;
- 2.4. Hampshire County Council has a strong capacity and track record of successful delivery of regeneration projects across Hampshire, which can be deployed to enable the LEPs to deliver their investment programmes to achieve sustainable economic growth.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. The Local Growth Fund is a Government initiative, to which all 39 LEPs within England were asked to submit proposals, therefore there are no other relevant options available.


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:
	27 October 2014

Chairman of the Cabinet Councillor Roy Perry	