

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Executive Decision Record**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside
Date:	4 December 2014
Title:	Lepe Car Parking Review
Reference:	6261
Report From:	Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services

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1. The decision:

- 1.1 That the Executive Member for Culture, Recreation & Countryside approves the preferred option (Option 3) to extend the car park opening times in the mornings and evenings from April to September, subject to full cost recovery and agreement from the landowners.

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

- 2.1 Lepe is a busy country park lying within the New Forest National Park and is subject to a series of leasehold arrangements with neighbouring landowners.
- 2.2 Following a local campaign for the beach car park to be open 24 hours a day, informal consultation was undertaken with local landowners, HC3S (who run the Lepe Beach Café), local Police and the HCC Crime and Disorder Risk Advisor. Several options were considered and are set out in the report.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1 Option 1: Open the entire beach car park 24/7. This would necessitate the installation of new height barriers. The option could lead to an increase in antisocial and criminal behaviour during the night and the need for additional staff time and costs to deal with the resulting damage and litter.
- 3.2 Option 2: Open a small section of the beach car park 24/7: This would necessitate the installation of a new barrier. The option could lead to an increase in antisocial and criminal behaviour during the night and the need for additional staff time and costs to deal with the resulting damage and litter

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:

**Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside
Councillor Keith Chapman**

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