

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
Date:	20 January 2015
Title:	Hampshire Walking and Cycling Strategies
Reference:	6397
Report From:	The Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

1.1 That the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment approves the development of a Walking Strategy and a Cycling Strategy for Hampshire based on the principles outlined in the supporting report;

1.2 That authority to finalise the draft Strategies for public consultation be delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment, in consultation with the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment.

1.3 That the outcomes of the consultations on both strategies, and any proposed changes in light of feedback received, are reported back to the appropriate Executive Member to review and approve the final strategies.

2. Reasons for the decision:

2.1. The County Council is developing a cycling strategy, and plans to develop a walking strategy, that will provide frameworks to guide the County Council in developing walking and cycling across Hampshire. This in turn will:

- Support locally developed walking and cycling interventions and initiatives
- Provide a Hampshire perspective to guide responses to sub-regional, national and European wide walk and cycle initiatives
- Provide a basis for bidding for funding opportunities and guiding investment decisions

- Support collaborative working across the County Council on the contribution to be made by walking and cycling to the Active Health agenda
- Clarify responsibilities for the promotion and delivery of walking and cycling both as leisure activities and as a mode choice for essential day to day activities.

2.2 Both strategies will engage with interested parties. The County Council wishes to progress this with a public consultation of at least eight weeks, starting in Spring 2015.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Not preparing walking and cycling strategies was rejected on the grounds that the County Council would miss out on the benefits identified in 2.1.
- 3.2. Not consulting on the strategies was also rejected due to the need to seek views on future proposals with respect to the walking and cycling strategies so as to optimise outcomes for residents.

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:

In reaching this decision I have taken into account comments made at my Decision Day by Councillor David Simpson.

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