

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
Date:	20 January 2015
Title:	Project Appraisal: Whitehill and Bordon Relief Road Phase 1
Reference:	6331
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 approves the Project Appraisal for Whitehill and Bordon Relief Road Phase 1 – Louisburg Section, as outlined in the supporting report.

1.2. That, subject to:

- receipt from the Homes and Community Agency of the Relief Road Contribution in accordance with the terms of the Planning Agreement that forms part of the planning permission for redevelopment of Louisburg Barracks; and
- the conclusion of the Road Agreement for this project

approval be given to procure and spend and enter into necessary contractual arrangements to implement the Whitehill and Bordon Relief Road Phase 1 – Louisburg Section, as set out in the supporting report, at an estimated cost of £6,080,000.

1.3. That, on the condition that the proposed Road Agreement between the County Council and the Homes and Community Agency commits the HCA to fully fund the scheme, authority be delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment to approve the final value of the contract in consultation with the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment.

1.4. That authority to make the arrangements to implement the scheme, including minor variations to the design or contract, is delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment.

- 1.5. That the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment is authorised to finalise the terms of the Road Agreement for the delivery of the Relief Road Phase 1 Louisburg Section, in a form to be determined in consultation with the Head of Legal Services.
- 1.6. That the new carriageway, footway, and cycleway that comprise the Whitehill and Bordon Relief Road Phase 1 – Louisburg section be incorporated into the highway network under Section 38 of the Highways Act 1980.
- 1.7. That approval is given to promote a Traffic Regulation Order to reduce the speed limit on the A325 between the junctions with Lindford Road/Station Road (Fire Station Crossroads) and B3004 at Sleaford.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. To provide the Whitehill and Bordon Relief Road Phase 1 – Louisburg section as a first step to deliver essential enabling infrastructure to access the wider Whitehill and Bordon Area Development Scheme.
- 2.2. To provide the first section of a Relief Road that when complete will relieve the existing route of the A325 through Whitehill and Bordon of through traffic and development traffic, and enable the delivery of a new town centre and other aspects of the Area Development Scheme.
- 2.3. To provide a spine road that will provide the essential access to the Louisburg Barracks housing and employment development areas
- 2.4. To provide accessible infrastructure by foot, bicycle, and motorised vehicle linking the proposed Louisburg development to the wider Whitehill and Bordon development area and surrounding communities.
- 2.5. Approval of the scheme will contribute towards the Corporate Strategy by:
 - ‘Making Hampshire safer and more secure for all’, by providing Improvements to the road, cycle and pedestrian networks that will help improve access to local facilities;
 - ‘Maximising well-being’ by improving opportunities and the ease with which people can access local facilities and services;
 - ‘Enhancing our quality of place’ by improving local access in this area of East Hampshire.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. On 11 July the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment confirmed a route alignment for the Whitehill and Bordon Relief Road as the basis for detailed design, planning applications, and funding bids. This decision was based on an extensive public consultation exercise; detailed assessment work; and a decision in January 2013 that selected a preferred

route from a range of possible options for the relief road, as set out in the reports that accompanied each decision.

- 3.2. An alternative option was for Hampshire County Council not to deliver the scheme. This was rejected on the grounds that it would fail to deliver essential enabling infrastructure for the Whitehill and Bordon Area Development Scheme, making the best use of funding made available by the Homes and Communities Agency.

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: ----- Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment Councillor Seán D T Woodward	Date: 20 January 2015
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