

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Cabinet
Date:	6 February 2015
Title:	Hampshire County Council's Rural Delivery Strategy
Reference:	6410
Report From:	Director of Culture Communities and Business Services Director of Economy Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

1.1 That Cabinet:

- i) Endorses the impact and progress made against the revised objectives for the Rural Delivery Strategy, agreed by Cabinet in March 2014.
- ii) Fully supports the roll-out of currently funded projects listed in the report (Appendix 1).
- iii) Notes the recurring revenue budget committed to support rural initiatives and the intention to consider any future projects within the context of the overall Transformation to 2017 programme due to be presented to Cabinet in June 2015.
- iv) Endorses the proposal for a new focus for the Hampshire Rural Forum including a supportive role for the M3 and Solent LEPs where requested.

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

2.1 This decision is being made as a proactive response to changing social and economic circumstances in rural Hampshire, and to support on-going investment in Hampshire's rural communities.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1 Not to progress any projects or on-going funding. This was rejected on the basis that the County Council has an on-going commitment to support rural communities as part of its overall drive to sustain a healthy and vibrant county.

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:

**Chairman of the Cabinet
Councillor Roy Perry**

6 February 2015