

**HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Executive Decision Record**

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| <b>Decision Maker:</b> | Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment |
| <b>Date:</b>           | 3 March 2015  |
| <b>Title:</b>          | Enterprise M3 Growth Hub                                |
| <b>Reference:</b>      | 6524  |
| <b>Report From:</b>    | Director of Economy, Transport and Environment          |

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**1. The decision:**

- 1.1. That the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment gives approval for the County Council to actively support the Enterprise M3 Growth Hub, to include working closely with the Enterprise M3 LEP's chosen Delivery Body as appropriate.
- 1.2. That the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment delegates authority to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment to finalise and complete any contractual agreement for Hampshire County Council to become a partner to any preferred bidder for the delivery of the Growth Hub, should this be required and subject to the terms and conditions being acceptable.

**2. Reasons for the decision:**

- 2.1. The Enterprise M3 Growth Hub is designed to support significant growth in key sectors of the economy in the Enterprise M3 area, which includes a significant part of Hampshire.
- 2.2. Hampshire County Council wishes to play a positive and productive role in influencing the nature of the Growth Hub to ensure optimisation of the impact on its objective of ensuring that Hampshire remains a prosperous place.
- 2.3. Hampshire County Council may be asked to become a partner to any preferred bidder for the delivery of the Enterprise M3 Growth Hub project.

**3. Other options considered and rejected:**

3.1. Hampshire County Council not to engage with the Enterprise M3 Growth Hub project – rejected as it would mean that the County Council has no influence over the nature of the Growth Hub service and would not be in the best interests of Hampshire businesses located within the Enterprise M3 area.

**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:**

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| <b>Approved by:</b><br><br>-----  | <b>Date:</b><br><br><b>3 March 2015</b> |
| <b>Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment<br/>Councillor Seán D T Woodward</b> |   |