

**HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Executive Decision Record**

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
<b>Date:</b>	3 March 2015
<b>Title:</b>	Project Appraisal: Petersfield Station – Lavant Street
<b>Reference:</b>	6528
<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 approves the Project Appraisal for Petersfield Station and Lavant Street, as outlined in the supporting report.
- 1.2. That approval be given to procure and spend and enter into necessary contractual arrangements to implement the proposed improvements to Petersfield Station forecourt and Lavant Street, as set out in the supporting report, at an estimated cost of £264,000 to be funded from East Hampshire District Council contributions, together with Hampshire County Council resources.
- 1.3. That authority to make the arrangements to implement the scheme, including minor variations to the design or contract, be delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment.

**2. Reasons for the decision:**

- 2.1. The aim of the project is to improve the public transport gateway to the South Downs National Park by ensuring the station is an attractive entry point and by making it easier for rail and bus passengers to access nearby visitor attractions and the walking and cycling routes.
- 2.2. This scheme would provide public realm enhancements including improved pedestrian and cycle access to the station and increased cycle parking. The bus interchange facilities will be improved with a bus, rail and tourism information point.
- 2.3. The proposals to deliver improvements in this part of Petersfield align with the following priorities and objectives set out within Hampshire's Local Transport Plan (2011-2031) (LTP).

- Management of Traffic
- Improvement of road safety
- Promoting walking and cycling

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

- 3.1. Several representatives of the Petersfield Town Council suggested that Lavant Street could be converted to a one-way street. Hampshire County Council officers have evaluated the advantages and disadvantages of introducing a one-way scheme southbound on Lavant Street and have concluded that such a scheme does not meet the project aims and is inconsistent with the wider transport objectives for the town centre. Most importantly, introducing a one-way street would involve the segregation of users (cyclists/pedestrians/ parking/deliveries) which is contrary to the project aim of encouraging a free flowing shared space.
- 3.2. Additionally, Lavant Street is already a designated and signed cycle route and is the direct route from the railway station to the town centre. Introducing a one-way southbound flow would have a negative effect on how cyclists could use the street and access the railway station.
- 3.3. None of the businesses consulted supported the one-way proposal as they believe that it would be detrimental to their trade and have a negative effect on how their shops operate.

**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:**

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