

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Executive Decision Record**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
Date:	21 April 2015
Title:	EU Programme – Project Opportunities
Reference:	6615
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 gives approval for Hampshire County Council to utilise resources in identifying, pursuing and securing appropriate project opportunities within the Economy, Transport and Environment portfolio of activities, supported through the EU programme being co-ordinated through both the Solent LEP and Enterprise M3 LEP.
- 1.2. That the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment delegates authority to the Director for Economy, Transport and Environment, in consultation with the Head of Legal Services and the Director of Corporate Resources – Corporate Services, to finalise and conclude appropriate partnership agreements where necessary, with relevant partner organisations for the development and delivery of such projects.
- 1.3. That the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment delegates authority to the Director for Economy, Transport and Environment, in consultation with the Head of Legal Services and the Director of Corporate Resources – Corporate Services, to finalise and conclude appropriate contractual agreements with the relevant managing authorities for the funding streams for such projects.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. For the 2014-2020 EU funding period, in England the Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) have been charged with ensuring that the European Structural Funds are utilised in alignment with the key priorities of their Strategic Economic Plans.

2.2. Hampshire County Council should be ready and able to engage in this EU programme to benefit key economic priorities including sector growth and tourism development. The decision will provide the flexibility for the Authority to respond to opportunities quickly and effectively.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. For Hampshire County Council not to pursue opportunities within the EU programme across the Solent LEP and Enterprise M3 LEP geographies – rejected as this could be a source of additional financial resources to support our economic development activities.

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:

21 April 2015

**Executive Member for Economy, Transport and
Environment
Councillor Seán Woodward**