

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Executive Decision Record**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
Date:	15 September 2015
Title:	Whitehill Bordon Inner Relief Road Phase 2: Project Appraisal
Reference:	6868
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 the Whitehill and Bordon Relief Road Phase 2 scheme as outlined in the supporting report.

1.2. That, subject to:

- The conclusion of a funding agreement with the Enterprise M3 Local Enterprise Partnership to secure a financial contribution towards the Relief Road Phase 2 scheme;
- The conclusion of a Section 106 planning agreement with the Defence Infrastructure Organisation and East Hampshire District Council to secure a financial contribution towards the Relief Road Phase 2 scheme;
- The conclusion of a road agreement with the Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) for the Relief Road Phase 2 scheme to secure the necessary land to construct the scheme, including any necessary temporary access and working area for construction purposes; and
- The granting of planning permission for the Relief Road Phase 2 scheme by East Hampshire District Council and South Downs National Park Authority,

approval be given to procure and spend and enter into necessary contractual arrangements to implement advanced works and main works for the Relief Road Phase 2 - Garrison Section, as set out in the supporting report, at an estimated combined cost of £19,000,000.

1.3. That, subject to agreement of satisfactory arrangements and provision for the funding and construction of the Relief Road with the Defence Infrastructure Organisation, Enterprise M3 Local Enterprise Partnership and East Hampshire District Council, the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment recommends to the Executive Member for Policy and Resources that £2 million from the Strategic Infrastructure Investment

allocation within the existing Policy and Resources capital programme be approved for use as a contribution towards the cost of constructing the Whitehill Bordon Relief Road Phase 2 scheme, and that this sum be transferred to the capital programme of the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment.

- 1.4. That the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment is authorised to finalise the terms of the funding agreement for the delivery of the Relief Road Phase 2 scheme in consultation with the Head of Legal Services and the Director of Corporate Resources.
- 1.5. That the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment is authorised to finalise the terms of the Section 106 planning agreement and road agreement for the delivery of the Relief Road Phase 2 scheme, in a form to be determined in consultation with the Head of Legal Services.
- 1.6. 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.
- 1.7. That the new carriageway, footway and cycleway that will comprise the Relief Road Phase 2 scheme be incorporated into the highway under section 38 of the Highways Act 1980.
- 1.8. That approval is given to promote Traffic Regulation Orders for an appropriate speed limit for the scheme and to establish a clearway.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. To enable Hampshire County Council, working in collaboration with its public sector development partners to deliver the Whitehill and Bordon Phase 2 scheme as part of the essential early stage infrastructure required to enable delivery of the wider redevelopment scheme.
- 2.2. 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 2014 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 route options for the relief road, as set out in the reports that accompanied each decision.

- 3.2. An alternative option is for Hampshire County Council not to deliver the approved scheme. This is rejected on the grounds that it would fail to deliver essential enabling infrastructure for the Whitehill and Bordon redevelopment scheme, would fail to deliver on the commitments made by Hampshire County Council in collaboration with the public sector Whitehill & Bordon development partners, and would fail to capitalise on the funding decision made by the Enterprise M3 Local Enterprise Partnership.

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:
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Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment Councillor Seán D T Woodward	