

**HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL****Executive Decision Record**

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| <b>Decision Maker:</b> | Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment                       |
| <b>Date:</b>           | 26 November 2015  |
| <b>Title:</b>          | Project Appraisal: Privett Road/Anns Hill Road Junction Improvements, Gosport |
| <b>Reference:</b>      | 7108  |
| <b>Report From:</b>    | Director of Economy, Transport and Environment                                |

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**1. The decision:**

- 1.1. That the Project Appraisal for the proposed Junction Improvements at Anns Hill Road and B3333 Privett Road / Bury Road and The Avenue in Gosport be approved, as outlined in this report.
- 1.2. That approval be given to procure and spend and enter into necessary contractual arrangements to implement the proposed improvements to the junction with Anns Hill Road/B3333 Privett Road/Bury Road and The Avenue (Gosport), as set out in this report, at an estimated cost of £290,000 to be funded from developer contributions, Local Transport Plan, District Council (Gosport) contributions and local resources (Operation Resilience).
- 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. To improve existing traffic flows and journey time reliability for all vehicles including the Eclipse Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), through the Anns Hill Road/B3333 Privett Road/The Avenue junction, which currently suffers from peak time delays and congestion.
- 2.2 The scheme will add to the continued success of Phase 1A of the South East Hampshire Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Network Eclipse, completed in April 2012. Providing improvement measures on the on-road BRT sections, south to Gosport town centre and the Gosport Ferry, will further enhance journey time reliability and assist in route continuity between Fareham and Gosport.
- 2.3 The BRT Eclipse E2 service passes through the Anns Hill junction when travelling south from Anns Hill Road and turning left onto the B3333 Privett Road on the route between the off road bus-way at Tichborne Way and the Gosport Ferry. The junction has been identified as a key delay point for the

Eclipse services, and improving the on-road routes for the Eclipse and minimising the delay points on them is a high priority in improving Eclipse bus journey time reliability. Improvement measures at this junction will further enhance the on-road Eclipse bus corridors in Gosport.

2.4 At present, there is no traffic signal controlled provision to assist pedestrians in crossing any of the four arms at the junction of Anns Hill Road and the B3333 Privett Road. The proposals will see all four arms of the junction upgraded to include controlled crossing facilities in order to improve pedestrian safety and accessibility.

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

3.1. To do nothing was considered and rejected due to the existing congestion levels experienced during peak times.

3.2. To optimise the existing traffic signals was also proposed. However this approach would have only marginally improved the current delays in the short term.

3.3. The addition of a dedicated bus lane in Anns Hill Road was also considered. This option was dismissed due to width constraints and associated cost. It was also felt that the proposals would have minimal impact in addressing the existing congestion issues.

**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:**

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| <b>Approved by:</b><br><br>-----  | <b>Date:</b><br><br><b>26 November 2015</b> |
| <b>Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment<br/>Councillor Seán D T Woodward</b> |   |