

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Executive Decision Record**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
Date:	26 November 2015
Title:	Loddon and Test LEADER Programme
Reference:	7105
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Executive Member for Economy, Transport & Environment gives approval for Hampshire County Council to continue to fulfil the role of accountable body for the Loddon & Test LEADER programme, as a successor to the Loddon & Eversley LEADER programme.
- 1.2. That the Executive Member for Economy, Transport & Environment delegates authority to the Director of Economy, Transport & Environment to finalise any relevant contractual agreements, in consultation with the Head of Legal Services, in relation to the County Council's role as accountable body for the Loddon & Test LEADER programme.
- 1.3. That the Executive Member endorses the use of LEADER funding in the relevant parts of rural Hampshire to complement other sources of support including European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD).

2. Reason for the decision:

- 2.1. It is a key objective of Hampshire County Council to support the economy in rural Hampshire, and the Loddon & Test LEADER programme offers an opportunity to continue to deliver such support.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Hampshire County Council not to act as accountable body – this option has been rejected as there are significant benefits from the continuity from the previous Loddon & Eversley LEADER programme to this programme, and the knowledge gathered by the Programme Manager.

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:

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: 26 November 2015
Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment Councillor Seán D T Woodward	