

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Executive Decision Record**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Environment and Transport
Date:	19 May 2016
Title:	A340 Aldermaston Road Dualling – Decision to increase PA value.
Reference:	7469
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Project Appraisal Value for the A340 Aldermaston Road improvements scheme (The Scheme) in Basingstoke be increased from £4m to £4.41m, and that approval to procure and spend, and make the necessary contractual arrangements, be granted for the adjusted value.
- 1.2. That authority be delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment, in consultation with the Executive Member for Environment and Transport, to explore options and seek compensation where appropriate from Statutory Undertakers and Utility Providers in the event that failure on their part under The New Roads and Streetworks Act 1991, or the Diversionary Works Code of Practice, leads to unscheduled expenses on Hampshire County Council Highway Schemes.

2. Reasons for the decision

- 2.1. Due to an uncharted fibre optic cable being discovered running parallel to a known fibre optic after construction commenced, the scheme has been delayed by 60 days, and costs have escalated by £410,000 above the original project appraisal value.
- 2.2. Under clause 79 of the New Roads and Streetworks Act 1991, it is an offence for Statutory Undertakers to fail in their duty to record the location of all their apparatus, and anyone experiencing a loss as a result of a proven failure is permitted to claim compensation resulting from their failure.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. To instruct the Contractor to make good the works undertaken to date and leave site with the scheme objectives largely unmet. This was rejected as the costs would exceed those to complete the scheme.

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: ----- Executive Member for Environment and Transport Councillor Rob Humby	Date: 19 May 2016
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