

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Executive Decision Record**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Environment and Transport
Date:	30 June 2016
Title:	Highways Materials Policy Statement - Capital Works
Reference:	7535
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Executive Member for Environment and Transport approves the principles set out in this report for determining the choice of material for all highway works, new estate roads for adoption, and all future highway maintenance activity.
- 1.2. That authority be delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport, and Environment to apply the principles to the relevant County Council operational guidance, and to update guidance issued to developers and designers as necessary.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. To ensure the use of highway materials that are durable, fit for purpose and sustainable, and to reduce the use of those that are expensive, high maintenance and difficult to obtain.
- 2.2. This approach aims to achieve significant savings in the medium to long term on maintaining the highway asset.
- 2.3. The policy statement will support the Corporate Strategy of making "Hampshire safer and more secure for all" but at the same time enabling limited highway maintenance resources to be focussed on areas of highest priority.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. The 'do nothing' option is not sustainable in the longer term given the ongoing reductions in public spending that are required to close the structural deficit within the economy.

3.2. The continued use of a wide and varied palette of materials was considered but it will not address the concern over poor quality, unsightly reinstatements, often due to the use of proprietary materials that are difficult to source, and therefore difficult to match and maintain. A limited palette of materials will enable contractors and utility companies to match surfacing materials when reinstating the highway following maintenance work.

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: Not applicable

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 Environment and Transport Councillor Rob Humby	