

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Executive Decision Record**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Environment and Transport
Date:	15 September 2016
Title:	Highways Development Control Agency Arrangements and Traffic Management Agency Arrangements Update
Reference:	7740
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 notes the progress made in amending the agency agreements for traffic management and development planning.
- 1.2. That the Executive Member for Environment and Transport confirms a reduction of £300,000 to the development planning agencies, to take effect from 1 April 2017.
- 1.3. That the Executive Member for Environment and Transport approves phasing of the £400,000 savings target for traffic management agency arrangements, such that the total funding for all traffic management agencies is reduced by £264,000 by 1 April 2017, with a further reduction of £136,000 from 1 April 2018.
- 1.4. That the Executive Member for Environment and Transport delegates authority to the Director of Economy Transport and Environment to contact the District and Borough Council agents requesting confirmation of their decision in respect of the revised agency agreements by 31 December 2016 to allow sufficient time for alternative arrangements to be established in the event that an agreement is not renewed.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. In March 2016, the Executive Member for Environment and Transport delegated authority to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment to make all necessary arrangements to prepare, negotiate, and enter into revised agency arrangements for traffic management and development

planning with individual district and borough councils as set out in this report, to come into effect from 1 April 2017.

- 2.2. The revised traffic management agency arrangements are a more substantial change than proposed for development planning, and the transition will be more effectively managed by phasing in the funding reductions.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. It would be possible to continue with the current agency agreements for traffic management, either retaining existing funding levels or seeking a smaller saving not requiring substantial changes to the agreements. This option is rejected as the required savings will not be achieved. It will additionally create a disparity in the services provided for traffic management and development planning in those districts and boroughs without agency arrangements.
- 3.2. It would be possible to terminate the current agency arrangements for traffic management and return responsibility for the services to Hampshire County Council. This option will be the outcome if agreement cannot be reached on the detail of the revised agreements, but is rejected at this time due to the desirability of pursuing revised working relations with district partners.

4. Conflicts of interest:

- 4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker:
- 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:

In making this decision, I have noted an inaccuracy in the report at paragraph 4.6, whereby the district councils have not in fact had sight of all the draft standing advice for Development Planning as yet, but that such draft advice will be made available to those authorities shortly so that they will have time to review it well in advance of the 31st December 2016.

I also note the issues identified by the district councils as alluded to in paragraph 4.3 of the report, and have requested that a full account of these be included in a future decision report to formally agree to the finalised district agency arrangements for both Traffic Management and Development planning prior to the 1st April 2017.

Approved by:

Date:

15 September 2016

**Executive Member for Environment and Transport
Councillor Rob Humby**

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