

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Cabinet
Date:	26 March 2012
Title:	Strategic Infrastructure Planning and Delivery
Reference:	3567
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decisions:

- (a) That the general approach outlined in the report for developing the County Council's place shaping role to support Hampshire's sustainable communities be approved.
- (b) That Cabinet approves the principles set out in Section 7 of the report to guide future negotiations for infrastructure funding.
- (c) That Cabinet approves the approach set out in Section 9 as an effective 'route map' for the next steps in the process of developing the County Council's approach to strategic infrastructure planning and delivery.
- (d) That Cabinet approves the development of a Memorandum of Understanding with District and Borough Councils as an agreed foundation for future partnership working on infrastructure provision.
- (e) That Cabinet approves the draft interim strategic infrastructure statement as a preliminary assessment to form a baseline for further development and initial discussions with local planning authorities in Hampshire.
- (f) That a light touch feasibility study of rail infrastructure between London Waterloo and Weymouth be carried out by the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. The major changes in both the overall public sector landscape and in the field of economic development are dramatic and radical. There is now a compelling need to ensure a fully effective contribution to the management and development of the Hampshire economy. Establishing the strategic

infrastructure needs of the County to support growth is an important contribution to this objective.

- 2.2. The reforms to the planning system which will prohibit the County Council's Developer Contributions Policy make it imperative for the Council to consider the full range of funding mechanisms and, in doing so, pursue an agreed policy approach to working with partners in order to secure and deliver future infrastructure requirements.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. To continue to follow the existing approach. This was rejected, as the changes in legislation will prevent the continued operation of current arrangements for securing developer funding for infrastructure.

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 Standards Committee: none.

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by: ----- Chairman of the Cabinet Councillor T K Thornber, CBE	Date: 26 March 2012
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