

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Hampshire Economic Board
Date:	16 February 2011
Title:	Access to Finance
Reference:	2510
Report From:	Director of Economic Development and County Treasurer

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1. The decision:

- (a) That Hampshire County Council pursues opportunities to encourage its contractors to pay their sub-contractors promptly, including the development of a good practice guide.
- (b) That further discussions be held with Enterprise First on its plans to improve access to finance for small businesses through direct collaboration with banks.

2. Reason for the decision:

- 2.1. To offer further help and support to Hampshire businesses in a continuing difficult financial climate.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Do nothing.

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:

Date:

16 February 2011

**Chairman of the Hampshire Economic Board
Councillor T K Thornber CBE**