

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member - Environment
Date:	1 March 2011
Title:	Creating a Single Highways Team
Reference:	2622
Report From:	Director of Environment

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1. The decision:

- a) That the four-depot co-location project be agreed.
- b) That the Director of Environment be delegated authority to take the required steps to implement recommendation a) above.
- c) That the District/Borough Council Chief Executives be contacted and informed of the decision, and termination of the current leasing requirements be implemented within March 2011.

2. Reasons for the decision:

2.1. The overall aim of the co-location project is for Hampshire County Council to work in partnership with Amey to create Hampshire County Highways, a single highway function. In addition to the benefits of a co-located structure, this project also aims to reduce revenue costs and promote flexible/mobile working and optimise the use of current County Council properties.

2.2. The objectives that can be achieved are summarised as follows:

- (i) enabling work to be scheduled more efficiently and quickly through faster decision making and processes;
- (ii) achieving quicker maintenance response times due to improved processes;
- (iii) getting maintenance right the first time and to the required standard;
- (iv) creating a single highway service with integrated operations;

- (v) facilitating a better understanding of each other's objectives, responsibilities and pressures;
- (vi) obtaining greater Hampshire County Council influence over the term contract through an improved working relationship and closer communication;
- (vii) reducing building and IT revenue costs; and
- (viii) maximising best use of mobile working.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Do nothing – by not making changes to facilitate co-location the highways function will not operate to optimum efficiency and the long term revenue costs will not decrease.
- 3.2. Partial co-location – retaining some offices would result in an inconsistent approach open to challenge, in addition to no gains in efficiency or reduction in overall revenue savings.

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: ----- Executive Member for Environment Councillor M J Kendal	Date: 1 March 2011
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