

**HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL****Executive Decision Record**

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
<b>Date:</b>	19 January 2016
<b>Title:</b>	Hampshire Walking Strategy
<b>Reference:</b>	7180
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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**1. The decision:**

- 1.1. That the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment approves the suggested changes made to the text of the draft Hampshire Walking Strategy following the public consultation, as contained in the appendix to the report.
- 1.2. That the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment approves the Hampshire Walking Strategy in alignment with the Local Transport Plan and as a basis for future funding bids and development partnerships.

**2. Reasons for the decision:**

- 2.1. The County Council is developing a Hampshire Walking Strategy that will provide a framework to guide the County Council in encouraging greater levels of walking across the county, within the context of the Local Transport Plan. This in turn will:
  - Support local walking interventions and initiatives;
  - Provide a Hampshire perspective to guide responses to sub-regional, national and European wide walking initiatives;
  - Provide a basis for bidding for funding opportunities and guiding investment decisions;
  - Support collaborative working across the County Council and contribute to the Council's statutory duty to improve the health of people in their area including encouraging healthier lifestyles and addressing health inequalities.

- Clarify responsibilities for the promotion and delivery of walking as a travel choice for everyday activities, including leisure purposes.

2.2. This report follows the decision to proceed to public consultation made at the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment Decision Day on 20th January 2015.

**3. Other options considered and rejected:**

3.1. To not approve the Hampshire Walking Strategy. This option was rejected on the grounds that the lack of a walking strategy will hinder the County Council when making planned and co-ordinated provision for pedestrians and walkers across the county, and make it more difficult to attract funding for schemes and interventions to support such provision.

**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:**

<b>Approved by:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
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<b>Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment Councillor Seán D T Woodward</b>	