

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

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member - Environment
<b>Date:</b>	26 January 2011
<b>Title:</b>	IT Highways Contract
<b>Reference:</b>	2286
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Environment

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**1. The decision: (PROPOSED)**

- 1.1. That approval is given to proceed with a full tender to procure a Highways system, taking the opportunity to reassess the service requirements both now and within the foreseeable future.
- 1.2. That the Director of Environment, in consultation with the Executive Member for Environment, be authorised to award this contract and subsequent extensions to this contract.
- 1.3. That the Director of Environment, in consultation with the Executive Member for Environment, be authorised to vary the scope of the contract as necessary in line with service improvement objectives.

**2. Reasons for the decision:**

- 2.1. The previous Single Tender Agreement with EXOR approved in 2009 was agreed on the basis that a full tender exercise would take place before its expiry in November 2012. It was not possible under procurement rules to undertake a partial tender process as this would leave the county council vulnerable to legal challenge.
- 2.2. The highways management system is considered a business critical solution in supporting the key improvement indicators set out in Environmental Department Aim 1. A full market tender will be the best opportunity to procure a system that meets current and future needs.
- 2.3. A full tender will allow the terms, conditions and the level of service with any future provider to be redefined, there will also be an opportunity for real savings.

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

- 3.1. Do nothing – this does not satisfy the procurement rules and is therefore open to legal challenge.
- 3.2. Develop EXOR – again, does not satisfy the procurement rules and is therefore open to legal challenge. A further risk is that EXOR may not be able to meet HCC requirements in the future.

**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:**

<b>Approved by:</b>  ----- <b>Executive Member for Environment Councillor M J Kendal</b>	<b>Date:</b>  <b>26 January 2011</b>
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