

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Executive Decision Record**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member – Environment and Transport
Date:	6 November 2012
Title:	MoSES (Modelling Shared Energy Services) European Project
Reference:	4272
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- a) That, subject to the MoSES project proposal being recommended for funding under the European Commission's Intelligent Energy Europe (IEE) funding programme, Hampshire County Council proceeds, as the project coordinator, through contract negotiation and into project delivery.
- b) That, subject to the MoSES project proposal being recommended for funding under the European Commission's Intelligent Energy Europe (IEE) funding programme, the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment be given delegated authority to approve the final terms of participation in consultation with the Executive Member for Environment and Transport.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1 The MoSES (Modelling Shared Energy Services) project will focus on improving access to cost-effective energy services for small-end energy consumers, helping them to improve their buildings' energy efficiency and reducing their costs. It aims to develop, launch and promote an innovative model that will enable clusters of small organisations within countries to establish partnerships, finance energy efficiency improvements through an Energy Performance Contracting (EPC) type approach, and achieve economies of scale which would otherwise be unachievable.
- 2.2 The County Council is currently considering the implementation of EPC in its own buildings, to enable it to improve energy efficiency and performance, and make resulting cost and carbon savings. Work undertaken to date has significantly expanded the County Council's knowledge of this approach and its understanding of some of the difficulties associated with its implementation.
- 2.3 Energy efficiency in buildings and EPC are also being considered by many other public sector and private organisations in the county. The County Council wishes to build on its new expertise in these areas in order to enable a much wider range of organisations in Hampshire to access an EPC type model, and thus achieve cost, carbon and energy efficiency savings, as well as potentially promoting growth in the energy services sector in Hampshire.

- 2.4 Planned activities will contribute to delivering the County Council's existing aspirations in relation to the energy agenda.
- 2.5 The programme provides grant funding for up to 75% of eligible project expenditure. Thus, funding and partnership support will be available to the County Council to support elements of ongoing and upcoming work.
- 2.6 Participation in, and in particular leading, a European project will also enable the County Council to raise its profile at a European level; build partnerships and relationships with other organisations and regions across Europe; gain up-to-date and relevant skills and expertise in European project development and delivery; and facilitate understanding of complex external funding opportunities specifically relating to the energy agenda.
- 2.7 If the MoSES project is selected for funding, a formal decision to participate as project coordinator will need to be made by Hampshire County Council. This decision will need to be taken immediately as the negotiation phase will need to commence without delay, and decisions will need to be made quickly in order to meet the timetable of the funder.
- 2.8 For this reason it is unlikely there will be sufficient time for a detailed formal decision to be made as part of the decision making programme. Therefore a delegated authority is sought.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1 That Hampshire County Council does not agree to lead and participate in the MoSES project should it be recommended for funding under the Intelligent Energy Europe programme. This would mean that the funding for this work would not be available from the IEE stream, and the added value of working with partners would be lost.

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 Conduct Advisory Panel: none.

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

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by:	Date:
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Executive Member for Environment and Transport Councillor M J Kendal	

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