

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Executive Decision Record**

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

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1. The decision:

- 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:

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