

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Executive Decision Record**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
Date:	10 December 2013
Title:	Hampshire Fare
Reference:	5352
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

1.1. That funding be allocated from the Economic Development budget to support the delivery of additional activities by Hampshire Fare, for a contract period of 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2016. The level of funding to be as follows:

- a) Year 1 - £30,000
- b) Year 2 - £20,000
- c) Year 3 - £10,000

1.2. That authority be delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport & Environment to spend the allocated budget, and to procure the delivery of the activities set out in this report, in consultation with the Executive Member for Economy, Transport & Environment.

1.3. That authority be delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport & Environment to finalise the necessary contractual arrangements with the Head of Legal Services.

1.4. That the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment recommends to the Executive Member for Policy and Resources that Hampshire County Council continues to provide office accommodation (and related support) to Hampshire Fare, but that this provision is time limited until the end of 2014/15.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. The funding will ensure that Hampshire Fare can make a significant contribution to Hampshire County Council's Economic Development and Rural Economy objectives, through delivery of a range of additional activities;
- 2.2. Hampshire Fare is a key champion of an industry which is predominantly located within the rural parts of Hampshire and, therefore, contributes to the County Council's efforts to support economic activity and employment in rural Hampshire.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Hampshire County Council not to engage Hampshire Fare to deliver these activities – this option has been rejected as Hampshire Fare is a uniquely positioned, ready made conduit to a key sector within the rural element of Hampshire's economy, and successfully represents many of the large and small businesses in the sector.

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:

Approved by: -----	Date: 10 December 2013
Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment Councillor Seán D T Woodward	