

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member – Environment and Transport
Date:	12 June 2012
Title:	Langstone Harbour Pontoon Maintenance – Assistance Towards Costs
Reference:	4025
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the funding for the Hayling ferry be increased by £25,000 a year to meet revised landing fees so that the Langstone Harbour Board can recover the additional costs of maintaining the pontoons used by the ferry.
- 1.2. That the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment be given delegated authority, in consultation with the Executive Member for Economy and Transport, to require the Langstone Harbour Board to provide suitable evidence of expenditure on works to improve the facilities for the ferry and its users and that continued funding be subject to a satisfactory review in April 2013 and annually thereafter.

2. Reason for the decision:

- 2.1. To retain the infrastructure necessary for the provision of the Hayling ferry service.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Option 1: Refuse funding for pontoon maintenance.
Risk Assessment: - The pontoons would become unsafe for use by the ferry and the service would have to cease.
- 3.2. Option 2: Withdraw all financial support from the Hayling ferry service.
Risk Assessment: - This would result in the cessation of the service, isolation for local residents who would face much greater journey times and a resultant transfer of journeys to road vehicles affecting traffic conditions between Hayling Island and Portsmouth.

- 3.3. Option 3: The operator be advised to recover increased costs by raising fares. Significant fares rises would lead to a loss of passengers further undermining operation of the service.
- 3.4. Option 4: Fund replacement pontoons.
Risk Assessment: - This is not consistent with our support for ferry services and would be unaffordable in the current budget situation.

- 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 and Transport Councillor M J Kendal	Date: 12 June 2012
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