

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

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member - Environment
<b>Date:</b>	26 January 2011
<b>Title:</b>	Project Appraisal: Improvements to The Square, Winchester
<b>Reference:</b>	2061
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Environment

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**1. The decision:**

- a) That the Project Appraisal to improve the structure, condition and appearance of The Square, Winchester with re-paving work and new surface water drainage, at an estimated cost of £712,000, be approved subject to appropriate measures being implemented to reduce traffic impact on the square and a suitable funding contribution being made by Winchester City Council.
- b) That detailed consideration and progression of traffic regulation orders to introduce a 20 miles per hour speed limit and to restrict vehicle access for part of the day be approved and taken forward to formal consultation.
- c) That authority be given for a further consultation with the public to secure wider engagement with the scheme and the traffic options, and to provide a definitive statement of public opinion, following which a final review of scheme options will take place.

**2. Reason for the decision:**

- 2.1. The proposed improvement works in The Square are to provide a high quality, attractive and safe surface with a robust and durable sub-structure to upgrade the failed and poor condition sections that exist at present. This will enhance the city centre for visitors and residents to access the retail and business facilities for many years to come with a minimum of inconvenient reactive repair work.

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

- 3.1. The option to do nothing in The Square is rejected, as its current condition has deteriorated to levels that warrant major remedial attention.
- 3.2. The option for a minimal 'black top' scheme to address the essential maintenance issues but without the enhanced quality surface materials has been considered. As Winchester City Council has agreed to contribute £140,000 towards The Square to provide a high quality surface similar to that in the High Street the minimal option has been rejected. A final public consultation will be held shortly to determine the support for the various design and traffic options following which a scheme review will finalise the proposals to be implemented.

**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>Date:</b>
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<b>Executive Member for Environment Councillor M J Kendal</b>	