

**HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Executive Decision Record**

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Hampshire Economic Board
<b>Date:</b>	27 April 2010
<b>Title:</b>	Hampshire Employment Sites
<b>Reference:</b>	1462
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Economic Development and Director of Property, Business and Regulatory Services

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**1. The decision: (PROPOSED)**

- 1.1. That the Board note that some sites in County Council ownership are already being promoted through Local Development Framework processes for employment uses, and in turn economic development purposes, and resolves to promote further suitable sites in its ownership that may become redundant or available.
- 1.2. That priority be given to providing sites to support innovation and enterprise, such as renewable technologies and start-up premises, including incubation centres.
- 1.3. That, as one of the Total Capital and Assets Pathfinder authorities, the County Council should consider where there are opportunities through the management of its assets for enhancing the prosperity of the county, particularly in areas needing regeneration.

**2. Reason for the decision:**

- 2.1. The information contained in the Hampshire Economic Partnership report has important implications for the future economy of the county in terms of the decline in the number and type of employment development sites in Hampshire. The County Council can help to address this decline through the deployment and promotion of its assets for employment uses and development.

- 2.2. Existing sites will not necessarily provide encouragement to all the types of businesses which will be important to the future economy of Hampshire and/or contribute to the low carbon agenda. It will therefore be useful to explore the range of likely site needs for emerging sectors and for the County Council to particularly orient its contribution towards such business needs if they will not be well catered for by the existing range of sites.
- 2.3. Hampshire has been selected as a Total Capital and Assets Pathfinder to consider the collective assets of the public sector within Hampshire, and this provides an opportunity to both improve asset management efficiency and consider where there may be opportunities for supporting future economic growth.

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

- 3.1. That the Board note the report and do nothing.

**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>Chairman of the Hampshire Economic Board Councillor T K Thornber CBE</b>	