

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Officer Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment
<b>Title:</b>	Romsey Rail Station Improvements

**Contact name:** Paula Edwards

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#### **1. The decision:**

- 1.1. That the Director approves the details of the funding contributions being made to First Great Western (FGW) in support of their works to improve access to Romsey Station, as set out in this paper.
- 1.2. That the Director gives approval for the transfer of funds as detailed in the Funding Agreement held with First Great Western, at a total estimated cost of £150,000, to be funded from county held developer contributions.

#### **2. Reason(s) for the decision:**

- 2.1. The Romsey Town Access Plan and the Test Valley District Statement both include this project and others at the station aimed at improving access to the station for all forms of transport. This project follows on from one which looked to encourage cycling to the station by providing additional cycle parking facilities.

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

- 3.1. None.

#### **4. Conflicts of interest:**

- 4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by an Executive Member who is consulted by the officer which relates to the decision: None.

#### **5. Dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service:**

- 5.1. None.

#### **6. Supporting Information:**

- 6.1. None.

**Approved by:**



**Date:**

25/1/16

**Stuart Jarvis**

**Director of Economy, Transport and Environment**

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### 1. Executive Summary

1.1. The purpose of this paper is to seek approval to release funding held by the County Council to improve and enhance the provision of car parking and pedestrian access to Romsey Station.

#### 1.2. Scheme Outline

- Resurfacing of the improved car parking area together with improved drainage provision and the marking of parking bays appropriate to the available space.
- Provision of street lighting in the new lower car park area.
- Provision of double height handrails leading from the lower car park up to the main access road.
- Improvements to the landscaping around the station to improve visibility and identity of the station.
- New signing detailing car park payment methods.
- Improvements to crossing facilities on the access road.

#### 1.3 Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None.

#### 1.4 Measures of Success

Increased usage of the station and a reduction in on street parking.

## 2. Background

- 2.1. The measures that form this project appraisal were identified and included in the Romsey Town Access Plan, which was later incorporated into the Test Valley District Statement.
- 2.2. There has been a long standing aim to improve accessibility to and from the station for all forms of transport and this current project to improve car parking and general accessibility to the station from the car park follows on from a cycle parking scheme implemented at the station in 2013/14.
- 2.3. In April 2015 a funding agreement was signed with First Great Western (FGW) to enable the transfer of funds from HCC to FGW.

## 3. Finance

- 3.1 Although the schemes are to be delivered by FGW, third party funding associated with the project is being provided by HCC. The County Council will contribute £150,000 of developer contributions to the project. All ownership and maintenance will be the responsibility of FGW and as such there are no revenue, maintenance or capital charge implications for HCC.

## 4. Programme

	Gateway Stage			
	3 - Project Appraisal	Start on site	End on site	4 - Review
Date (mm/yy)	January 2016		June 2016	

## 5. Scheme Details

- 5.1. The renovation of the lower parking area works at Romsey Station consist of the following;
  - Resurfacing of the improved car parking area together with improved drainage provision and the marking of parking bays appropriate to the available space.
  - Provision of street lighting in the new lower car park area.
  - Provision of double height handrails leading from the lower car park up to the main access road.
  - Improvements to the landscaping around the station to improve visibility and identity of the station
  - New sign detailing car park payment methods

- Improvements to crossing facilities on the access road.

## **6. Departures from Standards**

6.1. None.

## **7. Community Engagement**

7.1. The scheme was identified through the Romsey Town Access Plan and later incorporated into the Test Valley District Statement. As a result it has been through a number of consultation processes. The details of the scheme have also been agreed with Test Valley Borough Council and also with the Three Rivers Community Rail Partnership.

## **8. Statutory Procedures**

8.1. None.

## **9. Land Requirements**

9.1. None.

## **10. Maintenance Implications**

10.1. None: All works take place on FGW land and all maintenance liabilities lie with them.

## **11. Recommendation(s)**

11.1. That the Director approves the details of the funding contributions being made to First Great Western (FGW) in support of their works to improve access to Romsey Station, as set out in this paper.

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## LTP3 Priorities and Policy Objectives

### 3 Priorities

To support economic growth by ensuring the safety, soundness and efficiency of the transport network in Hampshire

Provide a safe, well maintained and more resilient road network in Hampshire

Manage traffic to maximise the efficiency of existing network capacity, improving journey time reliability and reducing emissions, to support the efficient and sustainable movement of people and goods

### 14 Policy Objectives

Improve road safety (through delivery of casualty reduction and speed management)

Efficient management of parking provision (on and off street, including servicing)

Support use of new transport technologies (i.e. Smartcards; RTI; electric vehicle charging points)

Work with operators to grow bus travel and remove barriers to access

Support community transport provision to maintain 'safety net' of basic access to services

Improve access to rail stations, and improve parking and station facilities

Provide a home to school transport service that meets changing curriculum needs

Improve co-ordination and integration between travel modes through interchange improvements

Apply 'Manual for Streets' design principles to support a better balance between traffic and community life

Improve air quality

Reduce the need to travel, through technology and Smarter Choices measures

Promote walking and cycling to provide a healthy alternative to the car for short local journeys to work, local services or school

Develop Bus Rapid Transit and high quality public transport in South Hampshire,  
to reduce car dependence and improve journey time reliability

Outline and implement a long term transport strategy to enable sustainable  
development in major growth areas

**Other**

Please list any other targets (i.e. National Indicators, non LTP) to which this  
scheme will contribute.

**CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:****Links to the Corporate Strategy**

<b>Hampshire safer and more secure for all:</b>	Yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
<b>Maximising well-being:</b>	Yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
<b>Enhancing our quality of place:</b>	Yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	

**Other Significant Links**

<b>Links to previous Member decisions:</b>		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Date</u>
<b>Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives:</b>		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	

**Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents**

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

DocumentLocation

## Impact Assessments

### 1. Equalities Impact Assessment:

1.1. The proposals in this report have been developed with due regard to the requirements of the Equality Act 2010, including the Public Sector Equality Duty and the Council's equality objectives. The website contains a summary [assessment of the impacts](#) on developing Hampshire's highway network and transport systems.

1.2. Statutory considerations:

<b>Impact</b>	
Age	None
Disability	None
Sexual Orientation	None
Race	None
Religion and belief	None
Gender Reassignment	None
Sex	None
Marriage and civil partnership	None
Pregnancy and maternity	None
<b>Other policy considerations</b>	
Poverty	None
Rurality	None
Other factors	None
Geographical impact	Test Valley - Romsey

**2. Impact on Crime and Disorder: None.**

**3. Climate Change:**

The provision of additional car parking at Romsey Station, whilst seeming to encourage car use, will in fact encourage car users to make longer journeys by rail by allowing them easier and more convenient parking at the station.