

**HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL****Decision Report**

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member – Environment and Transport
<b>Date:</b>	27 July 2011
<b>Title:</b>	Rushmoor Transport Contributions Policy
<b>Reference:</b>	3022
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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**1. Executive Summary**

1.1. This report seeks approval of a list of transport improvement schemes that will support the seeking of Transport Contributions in the Rushmoor Borough in accordance with the adopted County Council's Transport Contributions Policy (TCP). The list of transport improvement schemes for Rushmoor is part of the roll-out of the methodology for the scheme identification across the County that was approved in June 2009.

1.2. Approval has already been given to the transport scheme list for Winchester City Council, Test Valley District Council and the New Forest District Council and National Park. Approved lists are now being used to assist officers in negotiating and collecting contributions to mitigate the impact of development on the transport and highways network.

1.3. This paper seeks to

- Set out the reasons for the formulation of the local transport schemes list for Rushmoor Borough;
- report on how the list has been collated through both the County Council and Rushmoor Borough Council; and
- present the full list which shall be used in negotiating contributions from developers.

**2. Contextual information**

2.1. Approval was given by the Executive Member at his Decision Day meeting on 25 June 2009 for officers to create directories of transport improvement schemes that would sit within and support the Local Transport Plan (LTP) Area Transport Strategies. These will be a first point of reference for Highways Development Planning in negotiating and recommending developer

contributions and will provide confidence to District Councils in supporting demands for transport contributions. The lists will help to ensure that the transport impact of the development (including small scale development) is properly mitigated.

2.2. The first phase of work concentrated on collating details of schemes and programmes that have already been identified and have some form of acceptance and status as valid schemes within the transport strategy for the area. Information collection is being centrally coordinated within Strategic Transport but with input from:

- Area Teams – Transport Policy, Traffic Management and Highway Engineers/Inspectors;
- Safer Routes to School;
- Passenger Transport;
- Safety Engineering;
- ITS;
- Landscape, Planning and Heritage; and
- District Councils (transport officers).

2.3. It was agreed that once the schedule of schemes for a District had been drawn up by officers, approval from the Executive Member for Environment and Transport would be sought for each district list so that it can be adopted under each of the Area Transport Strategies. It was also agreed that the scheme lists would be 'live' lists, and continual monitoring and review would be undertaken, coordinated by County Council officers. New schemes would be added when these were identified, and any completed schemes removed as appropriate. It was also agreed that local members would be asked periodically for input into the list.

2.4. Following the adoption of Hampshire County Council's Local Transport Plan 3, the format of the list has been updated to reflect the Main Priorities and Policy Objectives promoted by the plan.

2.5. Rushmoor Borough Council adopted the County Council's new policy for determining and collecting transport contributions as a formal Supplementary Planning Document in April 2008.

2.6. In accordance with the methodology set out above, officers from both the County Council and the Borough Council have been developing a schedule of local transport improvements. The list of transport improvement schemes draws from County Council sections, the transportation team at the Borough Council and previous transport studies. Officers have considered the list of schemes and requests submitted, and have sought to put forward only the

schemes that are considered to support the principles of the Area Transport Strategies covering the Borough. A list of schemes for Rushmoor Borough is attached. Rushmoor Borough Council also consulted with its Members, the list was approved by the Borough Council's Cabinet in March 2011. The list has also been circulated amongst County Council Members for the Rushmoor Borough.

- 2.7. The Borough Council is in the process of developing Town Access Plans for both Aldershot and Farnborough, which have been referenced within the transport schemes list. Where schemes have been identified that are not within the scope of the emerging Town Access Plans, they have been included within this list. To avoid duplication, schemes included in the Town Access Plans are not repeated in this list.

### **3. Finance**

- 3.1. The continued application of the Transport Contributions Policy (TCP) across the County Council is integral to it maximising financial contributions secured towards transport improvements and services from new development. In the absence of a strong and well supported TCP (which can be consistently defended and justified), less external funding will be collected by the County Council towards transportation improvements, leading to reduction in the Capital Programme and increased strain on existing infrastructure and resources.
- 3.2. Failure to provide the necessary schemes to support the collecting of financial contributions in accordance with the TCP may result in a number of districts in Hampshire withdrawing the policy (or limiting its application), thereby failing to collect financial contributions and so failing to adequately mitigate the impact of development. This may, in the future, result in the County Council having to fund improvements to infrastructure and services which should have been funded by the development.
- 3.3. Internal staff resources within the County Council will be required to compile the list of schemes set out in this report, and for ongoing management and reporting of the list.

### **4. Performance**

- 4.1. Having a functioning and robust TCP will enable both the County Council (in connection with Strategic Planning Applications and County Matters) and District Councils to operate the adopted TCP. It will also enable the County's policy to be better supported when challenged in negotiations and on appeal.

### **5. Future direction**

- 5.1. Continued roll-out of the methodology to produce scheme lists for all other districts within Hampshire.

- 5.2. Executive Member approval of each scheme list to sit within the Area Transport Strategies of the LTP.
- 5.3. Report the approved scheme list to the relevant Highways consultation forum.
- 5.4. Future management of the lists to include adding new schemes when identified, removing completed or abandoned schemes and altering scheme details as appropriate. The list management will be carried out by officers in the North and West Area Transport Team as part of the Strategic Transport branch and changes agreed with the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment.

## **6. Recommendations**

- 6.1. That the list of local transport schemes for Rushmoor be approved and that it forms part of the Area Transport Strategy.
- 6.2. That authority be delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment for the future management of the transport scheme lists in consultation with the Executive Member for Environment and Transport.

**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>
Transport Contributions Policy - Winchester	2081Decn/ 762/CW	25 June 2009
Transport Contributions Policy – Test Valley	2264Decn/ 1184/BH	12 January 2010
Transport Contributions Policy – New Forest	Decn/1936/ BC	7 September 2010
A Formulaic Approach to Developer Contributions	Cabinet	24 September 2007
<b>Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives</b>		
<u>Title</u>		<u>Date</u>
Circular 05/2005 – Planning Obligations		18 July 2005
The Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010		6 April 2010

**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

None

## **IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:**

### **1. Equalities Impact Assessment:**

- 1.1. Assessment of the Race Relations (Amendment) Act has been considered in the development of this scheme. No adverse impact has been identified in terms of race, creed or gender

### **2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:**

- 2.1. The provisions of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 have no impact on this proposal.

### **3. Climate Change:**

- a) How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?

The strengthening of the Area Transport Strategies with local transport schemes will improve the ability for transport contributions to be sought across the county, maximising the level of income, and bringing forward improvements to the transport network which encourage the use of sustainable modes of transport, reducing the environmental impact of the development.

- b) How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?

Maximising the level of transport contributions is vital to ensure that development is supported by the sufficient infrastructure and services so to mitigate the impact of the development and to encourage access by no-car modes and transport on the environment.