

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

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1. Executive Summary

1.1. The purpose of this report is to seek Cabinet's approval of the Hampshire Strategic Infrastructure Statement, the interim version of which was approved by Cabinet on 26 March 2012. The Statement is set out in Appendix C to this report.

2. Contextual Information

2.1. Following approval by Cabinet on 26 March 2012, the Interim Strategic Infrastructure Statement was published as a preliminary assessment of infrastructure requirements. Since then further work has been undertaken with district council partners to make available the most up to date information on schemes, costs and funding arrangements. Work has also been undertaken with Hampshire Police, Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service and the Primary Care Trust so that the infrastructure related to those key services can also included be in the Statement.

2.2. The introduction of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) represents a significant change in the way that developer funding is secured and will result in the majority of funding for infrastructure being collected by the districts. The County Council is not a charging authority and cannot impose a levy to support the strategic infrastructure which it is responsible for providing.

2.3. The purpose of the Statement is therefore to identify the infrastructure requirements of Hampshire County Council and its public sector partners and to provide a basis for engagement with the districts on their emerging CIL Schedules and the overall approach to funding of infrastructure projects.

- 2.4. Although the Statement does not represent a financial commitment by the County Council to deliver each scheme, it does help identify schemes considered necessary to support the pattern and level of development proposed in each of the district development plans over a twenty year period and will inform resource allocation priorities.
- 2.5. The assessment of infrastructure requirements is therefore based on an understanding of the development strategy set out in each of the district councils' approved or emerging development plan.
- 2.6. The Statement sets out current funding arrangements, the likelihood of funding being available in the future and the investment required on a district-by district basis. The Statement is intended to provide a comprehensive picture of infrastructure requirements, not only those likely to be eligible for developer funding. It is, however, recognised that the districts and boroughs will need to identify where developer funding is to be sought in order to support their Infrastructure Delivery Plans and CIL Charging Schedules. Therefore, the Statement provides information on any identified source of funding for schemes and, where appropriate, any funding gap which may be relevant to CIL or other forms of developer funding in order that the County Council may bid for funds and influence the decisions on how they are to be allocated.
- 2.7. It is intended that the Statement be updated annually in order to reflect changes, progress on delivery and any structural changes relating to the way infrastructure is planned and delivered. This will also allow the funding arrangements to be updated so that the districts have the most up to date information when considering CIL and developer funding priorities.

3. Hampshire Strategic Infrastructure Statement

- 3.1 The Hampshire Infrastructure Statement sets out the context within which infrastructure is planned and provided for the Hampshire area ie the area excluding the two cities. The Statement includes details of why infrastructure is needed; how that need arises; and how infrastructure is funded.
- 3.2 The different types of infrastructure detailed within the Statement are as follows:
 - Transport
 - Schools
 - Countryside schemes
 - Waste and energy management
 - Flood risk management
 - Social and community

- Libraries
- Extra care
- Health care
- Police
- Fire and rescue

3.3 Details for each type of infrastructure are provided which explain the role of the provider, what triggers the need for that particular type of infrastructure and how it is to be funded.

3.4 Infrastructure schemes are then detailed by type, and categorised by district where appropriate, outlining both identified and prospective funding sources, and giving an indication of timescales for the delivery of the scheme. The schemes identified are not prioritised in any way and many are dependent on funding being available in the future.

4. Close working relationships with the Districts

4.1 The Memorandum of Understanding that was proposed as part of the report of 26 March 2012 has now been agreed in principle between the County and district councils providing a foundation for essential partnership and commitment to collaborative working.

4.2 In parallel to this, bi-lateral discussions are continuing with each district and borough council on detailed local infrastructure needs and the proposed mechanisms for securing funding and delivery. The County Council continues to be involved in the development of the CIL charging schedules. Likewise the districts are kept up to date in respect of the emerging Capital Programme provisions in relation to key local infrastructure to support sustainable communities and growth, such as Extra Care Housing proposals, additional school capacity and transport provisions.

4.3 Having established a firm county/district foundation across Hampshire, the intention is to engage more widely on infrastructure provision, initially with the two city councils and the LEAs. Some aspects of the strategic infrastructure agenda will also require working on a wider geographic basis. To illustrate this point issues such as water resource development, strategic transport connections, and potentially the development of new energy capacity could all extend beyond the wider Hampshire area boundaries. It will be important to ensure that consideration is given to these issues in future annual updates of the Statement.

5 Conclusion

5.1 The Hampshire Strategic Infrastructure Statement has been updated since it was initially approved as an interim document on 26 March 2012 and now

includes infrastructure proposed by Hampshire Police, Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service and the Primary Care Trust. Inclusion of these key service providers, along with more detailed information about the County Council's infrastructure proposals make the Statement an important document for local planning authorities currently working on their development plans and proposals to introduce CIL.

6 Recommendation

- 6.1 That Cabinet approves the Hampshire Strategic Infrastructure Statement Version 1 (December 2012) and authorises its publication to inform further development and discussions with local planning authorities in Hampshire.

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

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	No
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Maximising well-being:	Yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Enhancing our quality of place:	Yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	

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. There are no immediate impacts on equalities as a result of the proposals set out in the report, but the delivery of infrastructure in turn leads to sustainable levels of economic growth, and associated workforce development, so will therefore contribute to employment opportunities, and help to secure greater levels of economic inclusion.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

- 2.1. No direct implications, but again the delivery of infrastructure to support the regeneration of areas suffering from the highest levels of multiple deprivation will impact on the same areas which exhibit higher rates of crime and anti-social behaviour.

3. Climate Change:

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

No direct impact on the County Council's carbon footprint or energy consumption, but it is envisaged that the environmental technologies and renewable energy will both feature as growth sectors which will be encouraged in the County Council's future economic development activities, providing a stronger basis for direct action to reduce the County Council's fossil fuel based energy consumption and carbon footprint.

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

It is considered that the proposed future overall mission statement exemplifies the importance of a balanced approach to economic growth and maintenance and improvement of the environment, character and quality of life in Hampshire. Sustainable economic growth is a pre-requisite to a more resilient future for the county, which factors in the response to a changing climate, and careful stewardship of natural resources, alongside the importance of wealth creation to sustain and support public services and investment in infrastructure.