

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Executive Decision Record**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member - Environment
Date:	1 March 2011
Title:	Town Quay Proposals
Reference:	2607
Report From:	Director of Environment

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1. The decision: (PROPOSED)

- a) That the wavebreak be replaced, to an agreed design and timescale and that, reflecting the existing licence, the cost be split between Hampshire County Council and Associated British Ports, at a cost to the County Council of up to £300,000. If the cost is likely to be more than £300,000 the Director of Environment, in consultation with the Executive Member for Environment, be authorised to determine the amount to be paid by the County Council. That payment is subject to determination of the existing wavebreak licence.
- b) That the Director of Environment be authorised to take the required steps to terminate the 1995 wavebreak licence.
- c) That, subject to recommendation a) above, the existing pontoon be modified and relocated to a site on Town Quay south of the Red Funnel pontoon to an agreed design and timescale at a cost to the County Council of up to £100,000. If the cost is likely to be more than £100,000 the Director of Environment, in consultation with the Executive Member for Environment, be authorised to determine the amount to be paid by the County Council. Payment to be made upon satisfactory completion unless otherwise agreed by the Director of Environment.
- d) That suitable agreement be entered into with Associated British Ports for an annual access charge for the pontoon at a sum of £2,000 linked to RPI.

2. Reason for the decision:

- 2.1 To provide improved facilities for passengers using the ferry service between Hythe and Southampton. The decisions are in line with the County Council's published Ferry Strategy which in turn contributes to all three strands of the Corporate Strategy.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1 To take no action: Rejected as this would mean that the County Council would continue to be subject to ongoing and open-ended liabilities to Associated British Ports for the maintenance of the wavebreak pontoon, which would be unaffordable in the current financial climate, and would jeopardise the continued operation of Hythe Ferry in the absence of a suitable, dedicated passenger berth.
- 3.2 To withdraw all financial support for the Hythe Ferry: Rejected as this would be likely to lead to withdrawal of the ferry service to the detriment of Hampshire residents, and to greater levels of road traffic between Hythe and Southampton.

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:

Approved by:	Date:
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Executive Member for Environment Councillor M J Kendal	