

Equality Impact Assessment



Hampshire
County Council

Commuted Sums Policy

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Description of current service/policy

Section 278 (3) and Section 38 (6) of the Highways Act 1980 enables a highway authority to seek commuted sums from developers. Hampshire County Council's current commuted sum policy was approved by the Executive Member for Economy and Transport in 2007. The policy requires developers to pay commuted sums for maintenance of items that have a higher maintenance cost compared with conventional materials or assets and contains a schedule of items for which commuted sums will be applied.

Geographical impact: All
Hampshire

Description of proposed change

Hampshire County Council's current commuted sum policy precedes the County Surveyors Society Commuted Sums Guidance (2009). A comprehensive review was undertaken and new policy guidance developed that reflects national guidance and aligns with Hampshire's Highway Maintenance Management Plan policy on new infrastructure. The new commuted sum policy guidance is supported by a comprehensive calculator that accurately calculates the required commuted sum for each material or asset. It is proposed that the new policy guidance and calculator will replace all existing commuted sum documentation.

Impacts of the proposed change

This impact assessment covers Service users

Engagement and consultation

Has engagement or consultation been carried out? Yes

Early stage informal discussions with planning authorities in Hampshire were initiated during the first phases of developing the commuted sum policy guidance and this helped shape the draft document. However, it's proposed that further engagement with planning authorities and developers is undertaken, once the policy guidance has been approved in principle by the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment, to ensure that all viewpoints are considered and reflected in the commuted sum policy guidance and calculator where appropriate.

Statutory considerations	Impact	Mitigation
Age: Neutral		
Disability: Neutral		
Sexual orientation: Neutral		
Race: Neutral		
Religion and belief: Neutral		
Gender reassignment: Neutral		
Gender: Neutral		

Marriage and civil partnership: Neutral		
Pregnancy and maternity: Neutral		
Other policy considerations	Impact	Mitigation
Poverty: Neutral		
Rurality: Neutral		

Neutrality statement (if all considerations have a neutral impact)

The recommendations relate to policy and process and will not themselves directly affect levels of service. On this basis, it is not thought that this decision will have an impact on any groups with protected characteristics.

Any other information