

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside
<b>Date:</b>	7 December 2017
<b>Title:</b>	Basingstoke Canal – Future Direction
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services

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#### 1. The decision:

That the Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside:

- 1.1. Supports the request for capital funding to undertake maintenance works on Hampshire owned Canal assets with the aim of reducing the maintenance arrears.
- 1.2. Supports the reduction in revenue funding if it can be achieved without compromising the safe operation of the Canal.
- 1.3. Approves the business objectives and long term direction for the management of the Basingstoke Canal that includes:
  - a) Targeted investment in income generating opportunities on a sound business case basis.
  - b) To continue to work with Surrey County Council and the Canal and Rivers Trust to reach an agreement for the transfer of ownership and liability of the Basingstoke Canal.

#### 2. Reason for the decision:

- 2.1. The purpose of this paper is to:-
  - a) Update the Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside on the progress made to secure a sustainable long term management model for the Basingstoke Canal.
  - b) Seek approval for the business objectives and long term direction for the management of the Basingstoke Canal.

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

3.1. None

**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 Conduct Advisory Panel:** 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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**7 December 2017**

**Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside  
Councillor Andrew Gibson**