

# HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Cabinet
<b>Date:</b>	12 December 2023
<b>Title:</b>	M27 Junction 10 Update Report
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Universal Services

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### 1. The decision:

- 1.1. That Cabinet notes the progress made since the previous Cabinet decision of 13 July 2021, the Project Appraisal of 23 September 2021 and also the emerging financial picture. The provisional target price for the construction phase is expected to be available in January 2024 and will be subject to formal acceptance by both the County Council and VolkerFitzpatrick.
- 1.2. That Cabinet delegates authority to the Director of Corporate Operations, in consultation with the Leader and Chief Executive, to review the forecast total project cost once the target price is known and, if necessary, to write to key stakeholders including Homes England, Welborne Land Limited, Fareham Borough Council, Department for Levelling Up Homes and Communities, National Highways and Department for Transport stating the value of the additional funding that will be required to enable the County Council to continue as delivery body into the construction phase, together with a date by which it must be secured in order to avoid the construction programme becoming undeliverable.
- 1.3. Once final technical approval of the design has been received from National Highways along with a letter giving the County Council authority to execute the works on the Strategic Road Network, that Cabinet delegates authority to the Director of Corporate Operations, in consultation with the Leader and Chief Executive, to undertake the end of stage cost review, and agree that the County Council should proceed into the construction phase as delivery body.
- 1.4. Should sufficient funds not be secured in the required timescale, meaning that the County Council is unable to continue as delivery body for the Junction 10 project, that a further report is presented to Cabinet, recommending that the County Council formally withdraw from the project.
- 1.5. That Cabinet notes the addition of a new Emergency Area on the M27 to the scope of the project at the request of National Highways, and that National Highways has agreed to meet all costs associated with this addition. That

Cabinet approves the consequent increase in the overall project budget and the value of the project in the capital programme.

**2. Reasons for the decision:**

2.1. To update Cabinet on the progress made since the decision of 13 July 2021, and sets out the current position and emerging financial position for the project and highlights the associated risks which will need to be mitigated if the County Council is to continue in the role of delivery body. It also seeks to delegate authority to the Director of Corporate Operations to undertake the end of stage cost review and to assess whether the County Council is able to continue into the construction phase as delivery body, or whether it should withdraw.

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

3.1. None

**4. Conflicts of interest:**

4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker:

4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted:

**5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel:**

**6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent:**

**7. Statement from the decision maker:**

<b>Approved by:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
----- Councillor Rob Humby Chairman of Cabinet	12 December 2023