

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Environment and Transport
Date:	5 June 2018
Title:	Highways Permit Scheme
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- 1.1 That the Executive Member for Environment and Transport notes progress made on developing a Highways Permit Scheme to replace the existing Noticing System for managing street works in Hampshire, and approves the proposal for a Highways Permit Scheme to apply only for works that are considered to have a high impact on traffic.
- 1.2 That the Executive Member for Environment and Transport approves consultation with utility companies and other key stakeholders on the proposed Highways Permit Scheme, and that the results are reported to the Executive Member as part of a further report later in the year on the implementation of the proposal.

2. Reason for the decision:

- 2.1 The introduction of a Permit Scheme to replace the current Noticing System would bring benefits to road users in Hampshire through reduced congestion and adverse impacts on the highways asset as a result of more actively coordinated highways works. Consultation is required prior to implementing a Permit Scheme.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1 It would be possible to retain the existing Noticing System for managing street works in Hampshire. This option is rejected as the current system does not provide the desired standard of performance and is less resilient. This option is further rejected as Government policy in respect of managing street works appears to favour Permit Schemes, and retaining the existing Noticing System would make it more difficult for the County Council to implement Government regulation and take advantage of additional powers to manage street works.

3.2 It would be possible to develop a Highways Permit Scheme to apply for all works (rather than restricted to those considered to have a high impact on traffic). This option is rejected because it would increase costs for all works promoters, including the County Council, and could jeopardise the desired enhanced management of those works with a greater potential impact on traffic, which is contrary to Department for Transport guidance that schemes should target improvements to ensure more effective use of the strategic network.

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: none.

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by:

Date:

5 June 2018

**Executive Member for Environment and Transport
Councillor Rob Humby**