

# HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Environment and Transport
<b>Date:</b>	13 November 2018
<b>Title:</b>	Shared Space Policy Position
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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### 1. The decision:

- 1.1. That in light of the new guidance from Government relating to Shared Space schemes, a review of such schemes in design phase is conducted to ensure that the County Council is fully meeting its obligations under the Equality Act.
- 1.2. That the County Council prepares and publishes local guidance to ensure that planning, design, and delivery of future schemes meets the requirements of legislation as clarified by Government guidance.
- 1.3. That the County Council establishes an advisory panel formed of members of key groups and organisations representing the needs of disabled people to support the preparation of the guidance and act as an advisory forum on shared space schemes.

### 2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. The decision reflects a request from the Department for Transport and the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government aimed at ensuring all shared space schemes fully consider the needs of all users, particularly those with visual impairments.
- 2.2. The decision reflects the need to review current practice in line with recently updated government policy.

### 3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. The option of not responding to the Department for Transport and Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government's request, and waiting until the review of national guidance is completed, was considered. This option was rejected as it did not give due consideration to the immediate concerns of disabled groups and gave no guidance for highway design (both County Council and developer led) while the national review is taking place.

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