

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Environment and Transport
Date:	15 January 2019
Title:	Project Appraisal for the Replacement of A35 Holmsley Rail Bridge, New Forest
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 approve the Project Appraisal for replacement of A35 Holmsley Rail Bridge in the New Forest, as outlined in the supporting report, subject to the conclusion of the required land processes.
- 1.2. That authority be delegated to the Director of Economy Transport and Environment (in consultation with the Head of Legal Services) to progress any appropriate Orders, Notices or Statutory Procedures and obtain any consents, rights, permissions or easements that are necessary to enable implementation of the proposed replacement of the A35 Holmsley Rail Bridge and associated highway improvements.
- 1.3. That, subject to all land required to implement the works being secured, approval be given to procure and spend and enter into the necessary contractual arrangements to implement the proposed replacement of A35 Holmsley Rail Bridge and highway improvements, as set out in the supporting report, at an estimated cost of £5.5million to be funded from the Structures Capital Maintenance budget.
- 1.4. That authority to make the arrangements to implement the scheme, including minor variations to the design or contract, be delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment.

2. Reason for the decision:

- 2.1 The reason for this decision is to authorise the Holmsley Rail Bridge replacement scheme which will ensure the A35 remains open and unrestricted and at the same time improves road safety in the immediate vicinity.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Instead of replacing alongside, consideration was given to replacing the bridge in its current position. This was rejected as the County Council recognised that

the New Forest relies heavily on tourism and summertime visitors and that the A35 would need to be closed for many months to take down the old bridge and build the new one. During this period traffic on the A35 would have needed to be diverted around the New Forest causing major traffic and environmental issues.

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:

15 January 2019

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