

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Environment and Transport
Date:	15 January 2019
Title:	M27 Junction 10
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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The decision:

- 1.1. That the Executive Member for Environment and Transport notes the significant progress on the M27 Junction 10 Improvement Scheme (“the Scheme”), as well as the updated risk assessment set out in the supporting report;
- 1.2. That authority is delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment to develop, and in due course submit a business case for the Scheme to the Department for Transport, in consultation with the Executive Member for Environment and Transport and, in respect of financial aspects of the project and business case, the Director of Corporate Resources.
- 1.3. That authority is delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment to pursue all potential external and partner funding and bidding opportunities to secure funding towards the Scheme development and delivery;
- 1.4. That the Executive Member for Environment and Transport endorses the action taken to commence initial, advanced works for the Scheme in December 2018, which was required to meet constraints associated with licensing for protected species;
- 1.5. That authority be delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment and the Head of Legal Services to progress, enter into, and secure all appropriate licences, agreements, consents, rights, permissions and easements necessary to enable the advanced and main works to be undertaken on land owned by third parties, including Section 6 agreements to work on land owned by Highways England and licences to work on Buckland Estate land;
- 1.6. That authority be delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport, and Environment and the Head of Legal Services to progress and make all Orders (including Side Road Orders) necessary to progress the Scheme towards

delivery to ensure that the Orders can be advertised as soon as possible to enable timescales for sequential tasks to be achieved;

- 1.7. That authority is delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment, in consultation with the Executive Member for Environment and Transport, to suspend development activity on the Scheme once current funds are exhausted and in the event that further funding is not received, or that other significant programme issues arise as set out in the supporting report.

2. Reason for the decision:

- 2.1. The decision is required to enable necessary work on this important Scheme to be progressed as far as possible until current funds are exhausted, within the constraints of current uncertainties and assessed risks, and to provide the County Council with the option to discontinue work should the latter materialise. There is a need to progress key tasks and processes to ensure that, should a future decision be taken to progress the Scheme to delivery, this option is still open given critical timescales for spending funding.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. There are variations on three potential options regarding the progression of this Scheme, namely:
 - to progress the scheme development and delivery;
 - to progress the scheme development but not the delivery; or
 - to not progress the Scheme.

In relation to the first two options, a future decision will be required at an appropriate break point between development and delivery stages based upon a full understanding of scheme risks to the County Council. It is anticipated that this decision point will be in Spring 2019. To not progress the Scheme has been rejected at this stage given the high profile nature of this regionally significant Scheme. The Secretary of State for Transport has advised that Hampshire County Council is best placed to be the Scheme Promoter. As currently there is no financial risk to the County Council, it makes sense to continue at this stage.

4. Conflicts of interest:

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

None. However, it is noted that the Economy, Transport, and Environment Department has different interests in relation to M27 Junction 10, including fulfilling the role of Scheme Promoter and also as Highway Authority. The County Council is also a statutory consultee on Welborne Planning

Applications. M27 Junction 10 forms a detailed part of the wider outline Planning Application for the Welborne development submitted to Fareham Borough Council in December 2018.

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**