

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Environment and Transport
Date:	15 January 2019
Title:	Project Appraisal: Access to Aldershot Station
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 approves the Project Appraisal for Access to Aldershot Station, as outlined in the supporting report.
- 1.2. That approval be given to procure and spend and enter into necessary contractual arrangements (in consultation with the Head of Legal Services) to implement the proposed highway improvements that form part of the Access to Aldershot Station scheme, as set out in the supporting report, at an estimated cost of £335,000 to be funded from Developer Contribution and Public Realm Improvement Fund.
- 1.3. 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.
- 1.4. That authority is given to enter into a funding agreement with Rushmoor Borough Council (in consultation with the Head of Legal Services) for the delivery of proposed improvements to the Aldershot Train Station Forecourt, which form part of the Access to Aldershot Station scheme.
- 1.5. That, subject to a satisfactory funding agreement between Hampshire County Council and Rushmoor Borough Council, £217,000 of Developer Contributions are transferred to Rushmoor Borough Council to implement the proposed improvements to the Aldershot Train Station Forecourt, which together with the proposed highways improvements constitute the Access to Aldershot Station scheme.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. Hampshire County Council and Rushmoor Borough Council have a long standing interest in improving Aldershot Train Station. It is a key gateway to the town centre and an important rail/bus interchange facility.
- 2.2. Highway improvements on the road network within the vicinity of Aldershot Train Station will provide greater access for all modes of transport. In particular, such improvements will provide an opportunity to create a new cycle route from the train station to an existing cycle route north of the town on the A323.
- 2.3. Rushmoor Borough Council has funding to improve Aldershot Station Forecourt. This includes access improvements and environmental improvements to create a more welcoming atmosphere and encourage footfall to the station. The station forecourt improvements will include a cycle hub with secure parking facilities.
- 2.4. The proposed improvements involve three separate stages: works on the road network as outlined in this paper; works at the entrance to the train station; and works within the station forecourt. Rushmoor Borough Council have responsibility for delivering works at the entrance to the station and within the station forecourt. They are also managing the design and implementation of the road network improvements on behalf of Hampshire County Council under the terms of the agency agreement.
- 2.5. Integrating all three stages will result in a more consistent delivery and reduction in overall costs. Therefore, it is proposed for Hampshire County Council to deliver the highway improvements on the road network using Rushmoor Borough Council to carry out the design function under terms of the agency agreement for a total cost of £335,000 along with Hampshire County Council contributing £217,000 to Rushmoor Borough Council for the station forecourt scheme, subject to a satisfactory funding agreement. This approach will enable a seamless delivery of one integrated transport scheme that will result in transport, access, and sustainability improvements for Aldershot.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Consideration was given to Hampshire County Council taking responsibility for delivery of the integrated scheme. However, this involved the transfer of funding from Rushmoor Borough Council, M3 Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP), and South Western Railway. It was felt this approach was a more convoluted route and also placed all delivery risk with Hampshire County Council.

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:

15 January 2019

Executive Member for Environment and Transport
Councillor Rob Humby