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Executive Decision Records

Please find set out below a number of Executive Decisions taken at the HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL Executive Lead Member for Transport and Environment Strategy Decision Day, Executive Member for Highways Operations Decision Day and Executive Member for Climate Change and Sustainability Decision Day held at the Castle, Winchester on Monday, 7th November, 2022

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HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Transport and Environment Strategy
Date:	7 November 2022
Title:	Passenger Transport SP23 Savings Proposals
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Executive Lead Member for Transport and Environment Strategy notes the outcome of the 2022 Passenger Transport Consultation.
- 1.2. That the Executive Lead Member for Transport and Environment Strategy approves the approach for the removal of £800,000 budget provision for Passenger Transport services as detailed within the supporting report and based on the results of the Consultation.
- 1.3. That approval be given to revise supported services in line with the detailed proposals set out in the supporting report and appendices.
- 1.4. That approval be given to remove the specified enhancements to the Concessionary Travel Scheme in Hampshire as set out in the supporting report.
- 1.5. That authority is delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment to take all necessary steps, including entering into contractual arrangements in consultation with the Head of Legal Services, and fulfilling procurement requirements, to implement the proposed changes to bus subsidies and passenger transport expenditure as set out in the supporting report.
- 1.6. That authority is delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment, in consultation with the Executive Lead Member for Transport and Environment Strategy, to make minor variations in subsidy arrangements on specific passenger transport services provided overall budget savings are maintained and changes are consistent with the approach set out in the supporting report.
- 1.7. That approval be given to cease the ongoing revenue funding of £11,918pa towards the 76 service between Basingstoke and Andover.
- 1.8. That approval be given to cease the ongoing revenue funding of £32,112pa towards the 41 service between Farnborough and Tongham.
- 1.9. That approval be given to cease the ongoing revenue funding of £30,848pa which supports cross-boundary bus services.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. Due to the increasing demand for core public services, and the absence of a multi-year funding settlement from the Government, the County Council faces a budget shortfall of at least £80 million over the next two years (2022/23 and 2023/24). The Authority, therefore, must find savings from its discretionary spend in order to meet the shortfall and deliver a balanced budget.
- 2.2. Following the Council's countywide Balancing the Budget consultation carried out in 2021, a contribution from passenger transport budgets of £800,000 towards this overall shortfall has been identified. A further detailed consultation has been carried out on how this could be removed from supported passenger transport services.
- 2.3. For the purposes of recommendation 1.6, minor recommendations refers to any individual changes to the subsidy arrangements within this report and its appendices. The reason for this recommendation, and thus decision, is to ensure service continuity during a period of unpredictable changes in market forces. The recommendation is designed to provide flexibility to respond to these changes where the interests of the passengers are best met with a timely response.
- 2.4. Amendments to funding of cross boundary bus services is being requested as these represent a pressure on the local bus budget which could no longer be met in the context of other savings. Also requested is reduction of contributions to the Stagecoach 76 and 41 services as the funding streams used for these services will end on 31 March 2023.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Not to make savings from passenger transport services. This option was rejected as the County Council has a legal responsibility to deliver a balanced budget each year. With many services provided on a statutory basis, the Council has limited jurisdiction over many areas of spend therefore needs to make necessary savings from discretionary budgets such as that for Passenger Transport services.
- 3.2. To make £1.5million savings from Passenger Transport Services. This option was rejected, and the savings required from this area reduced to £800,000 following feedback received in the Council's Balancing the Budget consultation.
- 3.3. To remove the full £800,000 from the £2.08million of County Council funding spent on local bus services each year. This option does not meet the County Council's ambitions in its Bus Service Improvement Plan, proposed Local Transport Plan 4 or decarbonisation.
- 3.4. To remove all enhancements to the Concessionary Travel Scheme in Hampshire. At this time, the decision has been made not to remove free all day travel for holders of a disabled persons bus pass, the provision of a companion pass for disabled pass holders who cannot travel alone and the use of passes before 9:30am on services the County Council categorise as infrequent.

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:

I thank the Select Committee for pre-scrutinising the proposals and note and appreciate the concerns raised in making the decision. I also thank Councillor Rod Cooper for attending my Decision Day to speak on this item.

Approved by:

Date:

7 November 2022

**Executive Lead Member for Transport and
Environment Strategy
Councillor Edward Heron**

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HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Transport and Environment Strategy
Date:	7 November 2022
Title:	ETE Capital Programme Quarter 2 2022/23
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Executive Lead Member for Transport and Environment Strategy approves the £0.850million reduction in the value of the A3090 Winchester Road/Halterworth Lane, Romsey Junction improvements scheme from £1.3million to £0.45million, as a result of redesign following local consultation.
- 1.2. That the Executive Lead Member for Transport and Environment Strategy notes the significant work being undertaken to progress the capital programme so far in 2022/23.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. Following key consultation and monitoring work, the A3090 Winchester Road/Halterworth Lane, Romsey Junction improvements scheme proposals have been revised.
- 2.2. Significant work is being undertaken within the department to ensure the efficient progress of the Economy, Transport and Environment capital programme.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. To not revise the A3090 Winchester Road/Halterworth Lane, Romsey Junction improvements scheme proposal, however, this would not reflect the outcomes of the consultation and monitoring work.

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:

7 November 2022

**Executive Lead Member for Transport and
Environment Strategy
Councillor Edward Heron**

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Transport and Environment Strategy
Date of Decision:	7 November 2022
Decision Title:	Appointments to Outside Bodies, Statutory Joint Committees, Panels and Partnership Boards
Report From:	Chief Executive

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1. The Decision:

That the Executive Lead Member for Transport and Environment Strategy be requested to make an appointment of a new deputy to a local interest Outside Body as detailed below. The term of office until County Council elections in May 2025 unless otherwise stated:

<u>Name of Body</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Previous</u>	<u>Appointment(s) until May 2025</u>
Langstone Harbour Board (1 full member and 1 deputy)	The Board is in charge of safety and navigation and has responsibilities for the conservation of the natural environment. The Harbour Board endeavours to ensure that Langstone Harbour remains a safe, vibrant, ecologically sound space both today and into the future.	Full Member - Cllr Lance Quantrill (appointed July 2021) Deputy (to be appointed)	Cllr Lance Quantrill Cllr Jackie Branson (deputy)

2. Reason for the decision:

2.1. To maintain County Council representation on bodies within the community.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. Not to make appointments, which would cease County Council representation.

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:

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:

**Executive Lead Member for Transport and
Environment Strategy**

**Date: 7 November
2022**

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Transport and Environment Strategy
Date:	7 November 2022
Title:	Waterside Transport Strategy
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- 1.1 That the Executive Lead Member for Transport and Environment Strategy approves the proposed Waterside Transport Strategy and Action Plan.
- 1.2 That the Executive Lead Member for Transport and Environment Strategy commends the Waterside Transport Strategy and Action Plan to New Forest District Council and New Forest National Park Authority for endorsement within their relevant policy frameworks.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. To set out and agree the County Council transport strategy and action plan for the Waterside area and to support the “Waterside Vision” published in 2020.
- 2.2. To provide a basis for the prioritisation and development of transport interventions in the locality.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. To not prepare a strategy or action plan. This option was rejected as it would leave the County Council reacting to plans of others. Failure to prepare a plan would potentially weaken the County Council position should some of the development options on the Waterside come forward via a national rather than local planning process.

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:

7 November 2022

**Executive Member for Highways Operations*
(on behalf of the Executive Lead Member for
Transport and Environment Strategy
Councillor Edward Heron**

* In accordance with Part 3, Chapter 2, paragraph 2.2 of the County Council Constitution, the Leader of the Council delegated this decision for the Executive Lead Member for Transport and Environment Strategy to the Executive Member for Highways Operations

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Transport and Environment Strategy
Date:	7 November 2022
Title:	Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans – Update
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- 1.1 That the Executive Lead Member for Transport and Environment Strategy approves the Local Cycle and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs) that have been prepared for the boroughs of Eastleigh, Fareham, Gosport and Havant, together with the Waterside part of New Forest district and the southern part of the Borough of Test Valley.
- 1.2 That the Executive Lead Member for Transport and Environment Strategy commends each LCWIP to the respective local authority for endorsement and inclusion within its own policy and plan framework.
- 1.3 That the Executive Lead Member for Transport and Environment Strategy notes the progress on the remaining LCWIPs.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1 The Government has published guidance that requires Local Transport Authorities across the country to prepare Local Cycle and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs) for their areas. Future funding for active travel is conditional upon such plans being developed and adopted. This report seeks to approve a number of LCWIPs that have been under development.
- 2.2 The plans include schemes which have been prioritised following extensive engagement and consultation with local stakeholders and the community. The prioritised schemes serve as a pipeline of future schemes for development and delivery as funding opportunities arise. In particular the plans articulate at a local level what schemes the County Council and Local Planning Authorities should be seeking to secure through the development control process over time.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1 Not to prepare LCWIP's would mean the County Council would be unlikely to secure future funding for active travel initiatives from Government funding sources.

3.2 To have prepared the plans without engaging and consulting local stakeholders and communities. This would have meant the plans would not be compliant with Government guidance. The plans are better formed and have better local acceptance for having been undertaken with extensive local engagement and consultation.

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:

I thank the Select Committee for pre-scrutinising the report and for the unanimous support of the proposals.

Approved by: -----	Date: 7 November 2022
Executive Member for Climate Change and Sustainability* (on behalf of the Executive Lead Member for Transport and Environment Strategy Councillor Edward Heron)	

* In accordance with Part 3, Chapter 2, paragraph 2.2 of the County Council Constitution, the Leader of the Council delegated this decision for the Executive Lead Member for Transport and Environment Strategy to the Executive Member for Climate Change and Sustainability

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Transport and Environment Strategy
Date:	7 November 2022
Title:	Transforming Cities Fund – Portsmouth & Southampton: Update
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Executive Lead Member for Transport and Environment Strategy notes the positive progress and key risks in delivering the Transforming Cities Programme across the Southampton and Portsmouth regions.
- 1.2. That the Executive Lead Member for Transport and Environment Strategy approves an adjustment to the capital programme 2022/23 reducing the allocation for Junction Road, Totton from £1,743,000 to £950,000, and approves the reassignment of the released funding across the portfolio of Southampton TCF projects to manage cost pressures and ensure that costs are contained within the overall funding envelope.
- 1.3. That the Executive Lead Member for Transport and Environment Strategy delegates authority to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment, in consultation with the Executive Lead Member for Transport and Environment Strategy, to reassign funding released from Junction Road, Totton to individual schemes across the Southampton TCF scheme portfolio, and to enter into revised funding agreements as necessary, in consultation with the Head of Legal Services.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. The decision will maintain momentum and support delivery of the Transforming Cities Fund programme across Southampton and Portsmouth which aims to improve productivity by investing in public and sustainable transport infrastructure in and around City Regions.
- 2.2. The schemes will provide improvements to cycleways, footways and road crossings to help more people to walk and cycle locally and further afield, as well as improving bus travel and connecting different types of transport.

2.3. The decision is being sought now to minimise risk and assist in achieving programme and funding requirements set out by the Department for Transport.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. That funding released from Junction Road, Totton is not reassigned across the portfolio of Southampton TCF projects. This approach would increase pressure on individual projects requiring a decision whether to (i) allocate alternative funding to ensure delivery of the scheme objectives; (ii) descope the project which may erode the objectives; (iii) delay; or (iv) cancel the project – this is not recommended as walking, cycling and public transport improvements will not be delivered (or will be diluted), thereby negatively impacting Hampshire residents and damaging the County Council’s reputation with the Department for Transport, which may impact adversely on future funding awards.

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: 7 November 2022
Executive Member for Highways Operations* (on behalf of the Executive Lead Member for Transport and Environment Strategy Councillor Edward Heron	

* In accordance with Part 3, Chapter 2, paragraph 2.2 of the County Council Constitution, the Leader of the Council delegated this decision for the Executive Lead Member for Transport and Environment Strategy to the Executive Member for Highways Operations

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Highways Operations
Date:	7 November 2022
Title:	Publication of the Hampshire Concessionary Travel Scheme 2023-24
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Executive Member for Highways Operations approves the range of concessions detailed within the supporting report for the Hampshire Concessionary Travel Scheme for 2023/2024 and that this forms the basis of the draft scheme to be published on 1 December 2022.
- 1.2. That the Executive Member for Highways Operation notes the Passenger Transport SP23 Savings Proposals decision to remove specified enhancements to the Concessionary Travel Scheme in Hampshire and agrees to amend the 2023/34 Scheme accordingly.
- 1.3. In order to ensure that the County Council meets the statutory requirements to publish the Concessionary Travel Scheme in December, authority be delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment, in consultation with the Executive Member for Highways Operations, to make changes to the scheme to reflect latest guidance from the Department for Transport and the outcome of the Passenger Transport SP23 Savings Proposals decision.

2. Reason for the decision:

- 2.1. Hampshire County Council is required by law to publish details of its draft Concessionary Travel Scheme for 2023/2024 ("the Scheme") by 1 December 2022. The proposed Scheme includes a number of enhancements to the statutory scheme which date from the Scheme's introduction in April 2011. As set out in the supporting report, there may be a reduction in the number of discretionary elements in 2023/24. This is dependent upon the recommendations and approval of the Passenger Transport SP23 Savings Proposals decision day report.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Offering the statutory scheme only: this was rejected, as it would not reflect the specific requirements of Hampshire residents, and only those discretionary elements of the scheme that were included in the Passenger and Community Transport 2022 consultation are under consideration for removal as outlined in the Passenger Transport SP23 Savings Proposals decision day report.
- 3.2. Extending the range of discretionary enhancements: this cannot be recommended in view of other budget pressures facing the County Council and the possible budget impact of operator appeals.

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:

7 November 2022

**Executive Member for Highways Operations
Councillor Nick Adams-King**

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Climate Change and Sustainability
Date:	7 November 2022
Title:	Climate Change Annual Report
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Executive Member for Climate Change and Sustainability approves the annual report on progress on Climate Change over the last 12 months (July 2021- July 2022), which also includes an update on the Hampshire county-wide baseline emissions.

2. Reason for the decision:

- 2.1. In July 2020, the Climate Change Strategy was approved by Cabinet, where it was also agreed that annual reports on progress would be prepared. This is the second of the annual progress reports.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. To not publish an annual report on progress made from July 2020-July 2021, which was rejected, as this was an agreed action taken by Cabinet in July 2020.

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:

7 November 2022

**Executive Member for Climate Change and
Sustainability
Councillor Jan Warwick**