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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 Universal Services Decision Day & Executive Member for Countryside and Regulatory Services Decision Day held at the Castle, Winchester on Monday, 10th July, 2023

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HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Universal Services
Date:	10 July 2023
Title:	Project Appraisal Update: Southampton and South-West Hampshire Transforming Cities Fund Rushington Scheme
Report From:	Director of Universal Services

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services approves an increase in the 2021/22 capital programme value of the Southampton and South-West Hampshire Transforming Cities Fund (TCF) Rushington Scheme, from £1.929 million to £2.839 million to reflect an increased scheme scope, with the increase to be funded by the Transforming Cities Fund, Department for Transport Safer Roads Fund, Local Transport Plan and Casualty Reduction Fund.
- 1.2. That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services approves the Updated Project Appraisal for Transforming Cities Fund Rushington Scheme, with an extended scope to deliver additional road safety improvements (as outlined in the supporting report).
- 1.3. That approval be given to procure, spend and enter necessary contractual arrangements, in consultation with the Head of Legal Services, to implement the proposed scheme to make bus, cycle and road safety improvements in Southampton in line with the revised budget.
- 1.4. That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services delegates authority to the Director of Universal Services, in consultation with the Head of Legal Services, to progress any orders, notices or statutory procedures and secure any consents, licences, permissions, rights or easements necessary to enable implementation of this scheme.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. Approval of the scheme will allow the continued delivery of measures to improve bus travel and walking and cycling opportunities in Southampton and the surrounding area, encouraging visitors and locals to opt for public transport and active travel methods and leave their cars at home when in the local area.

2.2. To seek approval for delivery of Rushington scheme at the revised cost as outlined in the supporting report, previously approved in the Executive Lead Member for Economy, Transport and Environment Decision Day on 27 January 2022.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. It was considered to **do nothing**, but this was rejected as the scheme will support active and public travel in the Southampton area by providing safer cycle routes and more efficient bus connectivity through the area for active and public travel users. Furthermore, not delivering would involve a significant reputational risk as the County Council has been awarded funding from the Department for Transport (DfT) to deliver the scheme.

3.2 Options to reduce costs have been explored and Value Analysis has been carried out throughout the project to determine opportunities to descope the scheme. Limited opportunities to do so have been identified that would not affect the scheme's ability to achieve its scheme objectives and deliver a continuous and improved cycle and bus route. An option to continue with the original scheme and not extend the scope to include additional road safety benefits exists. However, this was discounted as there is an opportunity to minimise disruption, achieve efficiencies and deliver these improvements more quickly by combining with the Transforming Cities Fund.

4. Conflicts of interest:

4.1. 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: ----- Executive Lead Member for Universal Services Councillor Nick Adams-King	Date: 10 July 2023
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HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Universal Services
Date:	10 July 2023
Title:	Project Appraisal Update: Southampton and South-West Hampshire Transforming Cities Fund A27 Providence Hill, Bursledon
Report From:	Director of Universal Services

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services approves an increase in the 2022/23 capital programme value of the Southampton and South-West Hampshire Transforming Cities Fund (TCF) A27 Providence Hill, Bursledon from £1.9 million to £2.826 million to be funded from Department for Transport's (DfT's) Transforming Cities Fund (TCF), Local Transport Plan (LTP) and Section 106 contributions.
- 1.2. That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services approves the Update Project Appraisal for Transforming Cities Fund A27 Providence Hill, Bursledon, as outlined in the supporting report.
- 1.3. That approval be given to procure, spend and enter necessary contractual arrangements, in consultation with the Head of Legal Services, to implement the proposed scheme to make cycle and pedestrian improvements in Bursledon in line with the revised budget, to be funded from Department for Transport's (DfT's) Transforming Cities Fund (TCF), Local Transport Plan (LTP) and Section 106 contributions.
- 1.4. That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services delegates authority to the Director of Universal Services, in consultation with the Head of Legal Services, to progress any orders, notices or statutory procedures and secure any consents, licences, permissions, rights or easements necessary to enable implementation of this scheme.

2. Reason for the decision:

- 2.1. Approval of the scheme will allow the continued delivery of measures to improve walking and cycling in Bursledon and the surrounding area. This will encourage more sustainable and active travel modes for people making short local journeys along the A27 in this location and onwards towards Southampton.

2.2. The decision will enable the delivery of the TCF A27 Providence Hill, Bursledon scheme at the revised cost as outlined in the report and as approved in the Executive Lead Member for Economy, Transport and Environment Decision Day on 27 January 2022.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. Descoping of the scheme was considered, however this would have left a gap in the cycle corridor. The Bursledon Road TCF scheme has recently been completed, which links with a National Highways scheme on Windhover Roundabout planned later this year and the existing SCN Route 3 in Southampton to the west. The proposals in Providence Hill will link to the Windhover Roundabout improvements to the west and provide onward accessibility to Swanwick and Fareham.

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:

10 July 2023

**Executive Lead Member for Universal Services
Councillor Nick Adams-King**

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Universal Services
Date:	10 July 2023
Title:	US Capital Programme 2022/23 End of Year and 2023/24 Quarter 1
Report From:	Director of Universal Services

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services notes the significant progress in delivering the Universal Services capital programme in 2022/23, totalling gross spend of £146.59million, and performance to date in the 2023/24 capital programme.
- 1.2. That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services recommends that Cabinet approves the £51.217 million carry forward of capital resources from 2022/23 to 2023/24 as set out in Appendix 3 to the report.
- 1.3. That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services approves the £5.954 million addition to the 2023/24 Structural Maintenance programme for new Department for Transport funding, and subsequent adjustment (combined with £12.954 million carry forward) to the 2023/24 Structural Maintenance programme from £48.416 million to £67.324 million with the split of £60.827 million allocated to the Structural Planned Maintenance sub-programme and £6.497 million to the Bridges sub-programme.
- 1.4. That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services approves the addition to the 2023/24 capital programme of the NCN2 Hayling Billy Trail scheme at a value of £0.6 million, to be funded by Department for Transport Active Travel fund grant.
- 1.5. That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services approves the revised allocations and use of the Market Towns Fund initiative as outlined in paragraphs 96 to 99 of the report.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. The 2022/23 Universal Services capital programme outturn position is now known, and progress has been made in the 2023/24 Universal Services capital programme.

- 2.2. To ensure that funding is carried forward to support previously agreed programmes where part or all of the delivery has been reprofiled to 2023/24 and later financial years.
- 2.3. Budget adjustments due to 2022/23 carry forwards and additional highways maintenance block funding, result in the Structural Maintenance 2023/24 programme increasing to £67.324million.
- 2.4. The NCN2 Hayling Billy Trail scheme needs to enter the capital programme so that the scheme can be implemented within the funding conditions.
- 2.5. Revising the Market Towns fund will extend the reach of the programme and enable further place making and public realm improvements in Hampshire.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. To not propose these recommendations that include capital programme amendments, however this could result in the capital programme not being optimally managed.

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:

10 July 2023

**Executive Lead Member for Universal Services
Councillor Nick Adams-King**

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Universal Services
Date:	10 July 2023
Title:	Bus Contracts in the New Forest, Romsey and Eastleigh Areas
Report From:	Director of Universal Services

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services gives authority to spend and enter into contractual arrangements (in consultation with the Head of Legal Services) for new contracts for the Eastleigh and Romsey local bus services, as set out in the supporting report, to commence from 31 October 2023 for a period of one year, at a total cost of £306,663, which includes a contribution of £105,971 from the Home to School Transport Budget for Service 634 and in part for Service 35 with, subject to approval by the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services, £140,137 funded through the Local Transport Fund and the remaining £60,555 to be met by the Public Bus budget.
- 1.2. That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services gives authority to spend and enter into contractual arrangements (in consultation with the Head of Legal Services) for a new contract for the 120 Service in the New Forest, as set out in the supporting report, to commence from 1 September 2023 for a period of one year, at a total cost of £66,277, with £52,036 to be met from the Public Bus Budget and the remaining £14,241, subject to approval by the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services, to be funded through the Local Transport Fund.
- 1.3. That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services delegates authority to the Director of Universal Services, in consultation with the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services, to make minor amendments to the contracts detailed above.

2. Reason for the decision:

- 1.4. Approval to award new contracts will continue to give access to employment, education, health, retail, and leisure facilities for the widest section of the community.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Not awarding these tenders was considered and rejected as it would result in a reduced, or in some cases, no bus service in these areas.

3.2. To award contracts for a longer duration. This option has been rejected due to uncertainty over the longer-term affordability of these contracts.

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:

10 July 2023

**Executive Lead Member for Universal Services
Councillor Nick Adams-King**

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Universal Services
Date:	10 July 2023
Title:	Local Transport Fund
Report From:	Director of Universal Services

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1. The decision:

- 1.1 That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services approves the continued use of the methodology set out in the supporting report for allocating the Local Transport Fund (LTF).
- 1.2 That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services gives authority to spend and enter into contractual arrangements (in consultation with the Head of Legal Services) with qualifying local bus operators in Hampshire in accordance with the approved methodology up to the value of grant awarded to the County Council by the Department for Transport (DfT) to be funded from the LTF.
- 1.3 That, if the LTF is not wholly utilised in offsetting the shortfall in revenue experienced by the operators of tendered local bus services, the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services delegates authority to the Director of Universal Services, in consultation with the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services, to spend and enter into grant agreements with transport providers for any claim that meets the DfT criteria outlined in Appendix One of the supporting report.
- 1.4 That authority is delegated to the Director of Universal Services, in consultation with the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services, to award and administer any subsequent tranches of LTF (or successor funding streams that have the same terms, conditions and objectives) that may be awarded to Hampshire County Council, up to the value of such awards and in accordance with the terms of the award.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1 The proposal to make ongoing payments would enable the County Council to continue to provide key transport services to members of the public.
- 2.2 This decision would contribute to Hampshire's economic growth as these services enable passengers to access their place of employment in addition to health, retail, social and leisure facilities.

- 2.3 This decision would contribute towards Hampshire's strategic aim of enabling its residents to live safe, healthy and independent lives.
- 2.4 This decision is aligned with both Hampshire's Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) and Hampshire's emerging Local Transport Plan 4.
- 2.5 If operators are not reimbursed for the shortfall in revenue they are receiving as a direct result of the impact of the pandemic, service levels will be reduced to bring the costs of providing the services in line with the income received.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1 To return the LTF funding in full to the Department for Transport. Depending on the area, this would result in either no service or a service reduction and would be harmful both to local bus services and the economy in Hampshire.
- 3.2 To change the mechanism for distributing the LTF. This has been rejected because Hampshire County Council has applied a consistent mechanism to make payments of grants issued by Government since the outset of the Covid-19 pandemic to support the bus industry. This mechanism was audited by Southern Internal Audit Partnership in 2020 and has been working effectively since.

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:

<p>Approved by:</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Executive Lead Member for Universal Services Councillor Nick Adams-King</p>	<p>Date:</p> <p>10 July 2023</p>
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HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Countryside and Regulatory Services
Date:	10 July 2023
Title:	Hampshire County Farms Annual Report 2022/23
Report From:	Director of Universal Services

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the contents of this second annual Hampshire County Farms report and newsletter be noted by the Executive Member for Countryside and Regulatory Services.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. On 19 March 2021, the Executive Member for Recreation, Heritage, Countryside and Rural Affairs approved the County Farms Policy. The decision report proposed the preparation of an annual performance report to monitor policy implementation.
- 2.2. This second annual Hampshire County Farms report sets out progress made in the 2022/23 year. Progress has, once again, been principally centred around selection of the best tenants for new farm lettings, with a further five new entrant farming opportunities marketed this year. Ongoing lettings activity has enabled further improvement to our tenant selection process and has also resulted in significantly improved levels of engagement with the service.
- 2.3. The report includes a newsletter summary of service activities at Appendix 1.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Not presenting an annual Hampshire County Farms report was considered, and rejected on the basis that the annual report provides valuable monitoring of policy implementation.

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:

10 July 2023

**Executive Member for Countryside and Regulatory
Services
Councillor Russell Oppenheimer**

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Countryside and Regulatory Services
Date:	10 July 2023
Title:	Property Services Asset Decisions
Report From:	Director of Universal Services
(SUMMARY OF AN EXEMPT DECISION)	

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1. The decision:

1.1. That the Executive Member for Countryside and Regulatory Services approves the asset transactions set out in the schedule at Appendix 1 to the report.

1.2. That the Director of Universal Services, be authorised to settle the detailed terms and conditions.

2. Reason for the decision:

2.1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval to a series of proposed transactions which will ensure efficient and effective use of the County Council's property assets.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1 Not Applicable.

4. Conflicts of interest:

1.1 Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: - None.

1.2 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:

10 July 2023

**Councillor Russell Oppenheimer
Executive Member for Countryside and Regulatory
Services**