

# HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Lead Member for Universal Services
<b>Date:</b>	23 January 2023
<b>Title:</b>	Parish Lengthsman Service
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Universal Services

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### 1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services approves the removal of the current funding provision for the Parish Lengthsman Service, to secure recurring financial savings in line with agreed SP23 Proposals, amounting to £200,000.
- 1.2. That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services agrees to an alternative funding proposal, whereby external funding is provided through the current Hampshire Highways Services Contract (HHSC) with Milestone Infrastructure, to enable the service to be delivered in 2023/24.

### 2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. The County Council and Parish Councils both greatly value the role of the Parish Lengthsman Scheme in undertaking permitted works in support of Hampshire's highway network.
- 2.2. The activities undertaken by Parish Lengthsmen are non-statutory; however, they add considerable value to the wider Highways Maintenance activities undertaken by the County Council on a countywide basis.
- 2.3. It is necessary to end the current funding provision, so as to secure recurring financial savings in line with agreed SP23 Proposals. However, the alternative funding proposal for 2023/24 will ensure the service can continue to deliver value to the Highways network.

### 3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. The County Council could withdraw the current funding provision and not seek alternative funding arrangements for 2023/24. In this scenario, the parish Lengthsman service would either have to cease, or be funded at a local level by Parish Councils (for example, by raising local precepts, or seeking local sponsorship).

3.2. However, due to the value the Parish Lengthsman service offers at a local level, and due to the opportunity to fund the service in 2023/24 via the HHSC, this option was rejected.

**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:**

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**23 January 2023**

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