

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

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| Decision Maker: | Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment |
| Date: | 19 November 2020 |
| Title: | Transforming Cities Fund |
| Report From: | Director of Economy, Transport and Environment |

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment approves the addition to the Capital Programme 2020/21 to 2022/23 the projects listed at Tables 1a and 2a of this report.
- 1.2. That the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment recommends to Cabinet the addition to the Capital Programme 2020/21 to 2022/23 the projects listed at Tables 1b and 2b of this report.
- 1.3. That the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment recommends to Council the addition to the Capital Programme 2020/21 to 2022/23 the projects listed at Tables 1c and 2c of this report.
- 1.4 That the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment delegates authority to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment to make minor modifications and adjustments to schemes to ensure that they comply with latest Government guidance and that costs fall within the budget provision.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. Following the submission in November 2019, of Strategic Outline Business Cases for Tranche 2, Transforming Cities Fund for Portsmouth and Southampton areas, and resubmission of a refined bid for the Portsmouth area in July 2020, the Department for Transport (DfT) has announced funding arrangements for both city areas.
- 2.2. Now that the scale of the funding package for the Southampton and Portsmouth areas are known, those candidate projects in receipt of funding are being recommended for further development and entry into the County Council Capital Programme 2020/21 – 2022/23.
- 2.3. Unfunded projects will be developed using existing revenue resources to a point where the design can be paused such that they can be easily and quickly reactivated if future funding opportunities are identified.

3. Other Options Considered and Rejected:

- 3.1 For all previously identified candidate projects to enter the Capital Programme. This option has been rejected as at present there is no prospect of identifying funding for all the projects.
- 3.2 To continue to work on all candidate projects. This would enable projects that are currently unfunded to be fully developed in readiness for potential future funding opportunities. This option has been rejected as all the projects have been developed to a reasonable state of readiness and to proceed in greater detail now could result in significant abortive work due to changing circumstances, especially in the light of the Covid-19 impacts.
- 3.3 To stop work immediately on all unfunded projects. This would compromise the development and delivery of projects in south Hampshire, where there remains a very real prospect of future funding opportunities for the types of scheme that have been developed.

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:

19 November 2020

**Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
Councillor Rob Humby**