

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
<b>Date:</b>	19 November 2020
<b>Title:</b>	Waterside Transport Update
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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#### 1. The decision:

- 1.1 That in accordance with the approved interim Waterside Transport Strategy, the Executive Member for Economy, Transport, and Environment confirms a policy of seeking multi-modal capacity improvement along the A326, to include significant improvements for non-motorised users in line with changing national guidance, and on this basis approves the submission of a Strategic Outline Business Case for the A326 highway improvement scheme to the Department for Transport as outlined in the supporting report.
- 1.2 That authority is delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment to continue to progress the design, development, and business case work for the A326 highway improvements, subject to the approval of the Strategic Outline Business Case submission to the DfT, to include the progression of all appropriate investigative, topographic and environmental survey works.
- 1.3 That the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment notes the changing local population, economic and funding circumstances in the Waterside area, and therefore in accordance with the County Council's policy authorises further work to review and develop the business case for re-introducing passenger rail services on the Waterside Line.
- 1.4 That approval is given to submit a Strategic Outline Business Case to the Department for Transport for its further consideration as part of the 'Restoring your Railway' Ideas Fund subject to consideration of a number of potential risks that will need to be assessed and addressed, as outlined within the supporting report.
- 1.5 That approval is given to undertake a public consultation on the draft Waterside Transport Strategy, including details of all the different scheme

components, in order to help identify a preferred multi-modal package of improvements and update the Waterside Interim Policy position from 2017.

**2. Reasons for the decision:**

- 2.1. Ultimately the transport improvements in the Waterside area are required in order to ensure that this area is able to realise the strong and sustainable economic growth that is planned and outlined in the 'Waterside Vision' document. They are also required in order to ensure the continued efficient and safe operation of the transport network in the area, which in turn contributes to local people being able to live safe, healthy and independent lives.
- 2.2. In light of the government future funding opportunities and the changing local circumstances, including an increased local population, local employment and economic activity, conditions have now been met for the council to review and develop the business case for re-introducing passenger services on the Waterside Line.

**3. Other options considered and rejected:**

- 3.1. Not progressing the transport workstreams in the Waterside area would mean that the significant planned development and economic growth in the area would be less likely to be realised. Not progressing transport improvements in the area would also be likely to result in a deterioration of the operation of the local transport network. It is for these reasons that the option of not progressing the various workstreams was rejected.
- 3.2. Progressing just one or two of the workstreams rather than all was also rejected, as this would hinder the development of a fully integrated and multi-modal transport strategy for the area, which would be contrary to both local and national policy objectives.

**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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**19 November 2020**

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