

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Cabinet
Date:	12 December 2016
Title:	Proposals for a Sub-National Transport Body (Transport for the South East)
Reference:	7908
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

That Cabinet:

- 1.1. Endorse the establishment of a shadow Sub National Transport Body (STB) for the South East and agree to the County Council becoming a member of that body;
- 1.2. Express strong support for an invitation to be extended to the Berkshire authorities and for the shadow STB to seek full engagement with the South East LEPs at the earliest opportunity;
- 1.3. Appoint Councillor Rob Humby to represent the County Council on the shadow STB;
- 1.4. Approve the investment of £20,000 to support the shadow STB, including the development of the constitutional arrangements, the draft Transport Strategy and for officer support;
- 1.5. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader to agree the shadow arrangements, including the shadow terms of reference, membership and constitution;

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. A Sub National Transport Body for the South East, especially if it included the Berkshire authorities, would provide a strong mechanism by which the South East could promote its strategic transport objectives, particularly in terms of influencing funding decisions by Highways England and Network Rail that could aid major schemes both within and beyond the area's boundary. This would assist in the strategic transport ambitions and priorities of the County Council and support the county's economy.

2.2. By engaging with partners at this initial stage and agreeing to join the proposed shadow STB, the County Council will be well positioned to help shape the development of both the draft Transport Strategy and proposed governance arrangements for TfSE and help ensure the South East does not lose from strategic transport developments taking place elsewhere in the country.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. To decline the invitation to join the shadow body but this was rejected on grounds that it would be detrimental to Hampshire's economic prosperity and to securing necessary transport investment and improvements.

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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Chairman of the Cabinet Councillor Roy Perry	