

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Cabinet
Date:	12 December 2016
Title:	Future Approach to Economic Development and Business Engagement
Reference:	7931
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. To note the key findings of the recent business consultation exercise on the organisation of local government in the Hampshire and Isle of Wight area, and the possibility of further devolution to local government.
- 1.2. To approve the establishment of an advisory Cabinet Sub Committee for Economic Development to be chaired by the Leader;
- 1.3. To endorse the plans for a Business Engagement Forum linked to the Cabinet Sub Committee;
- 1.4. To delegate authority to the Director of Economy, Transport & Environment, in consultation with the Leader, to develop detailed terms of reference for the Economic Development Sub Committee and terms of engagement for the Business Engagement Forum.
- 1.5. To endorse the approach to future delivery arrangements and to delegate authority to the Director of Economy, Transport & Environment to progress, in consultation with the Executive Member for Economic Development, those plans, including the associated governance and funding mechanisms, and involving, where appropriate, external public and private sector partners.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. To ensure that Hampshire County Council's future approach to economic development best supports economic prosperity in Hampshire.
- 2.2. To ensure that any future economic development operating model that is developed will be both fit for purpose and financially sustainable.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. To make no changes to the current arrangements – rejected on grounds that that would be a missed opportunity to further strengthen the relationship between the County Council and Hampshire businesses at an important time in the development of the Hampshire economy.

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:

12 December 2016

**Chairman of the Cabinet
Councillor Roy Perry**