

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Cabinet
Date:	15 September 2017
Title:	Strategic Transport Infrastructure and Capital Funding Opportunities
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That Cabinet notes the changes in the national and regional context for infrastructure delivery and commits the County Council to continue to develop its approach in order to capitalise on new funding opportunities to support the timely delivery of infrastructure.
- 1.2. That Cabinet approves in principle the addition of the Botley Strategic Land Development and Bypass projects to the Capital Programme.
- 1.3. That Cabinet agrees the approach to bidding for the Housing Infrastructure Fund as set out in this report, namely to submit Forward Funding bids for Manydown and Welborne, with Manydown ranked as priority one.
- 1.4. That Cabinet agrees to support identified borough or district council Marginal Viability bids, provided they do not conflict with County Council interests, including the proposed Forward Funding bids identified in this report;
- 1.5. That Cabinet agrees to write to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government requesting that, notwithstanding the ranking, both Forward Funding bids being submitted by the County Council are formally evaluated and considered, as both relate to Government regional and designated large housing areas.
- 1.6. That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader, to finalise the HIF Forward Funding submissions, and appropriate supporting submissions for district and borough council Marginal Viability submissions.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. Improving transport, tackling congestion and reducing traffic impacts on communities are vital to delivering the County Council's strategic priority to maintain Hampshire's character and quality of life by securing sustainable economic growth.

2.2. It is particularly important that the County Council is well positioned to secure external funding to help deliver the necessary transport infrastructure to address current and future growth pressures and traffic impacts, and to improve access to employment and services, as well as strengthening the county's wider connectivity.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. The option of not developing the Capital Programme nor seeking agreement over the priority bids for the new Housing Infrastructure Fund in the way set out in the report has been rejected as it would run counter to the aims of the Council's Strategic Plan in relation to maintaining Hampshire's character and quality of life and supporting its sustainable economic growth.

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:

15 September 2017

**Chairman of the Cabinet
Councillor Roy Perry**