

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
Date:	12 May 2022
Title:	Outline Project Appraisal and Procurement Approach: Botley Bypass – Phase 3
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- 1.1 That the Executive Lead Member for Economy, Transport and Environment approves the Outline Project Appraisal and Procurement Approach for Botley Bypass - Phase 3 as outlined in the supporting report.
- 1.2 That approval be given to procure, spend and enter into necessary (Stage 1) contractual arrangements, in consultation with the Head of Legal Services, to implement the proposed improvements to Botley Bypass - Phase 3, as set out in the supporting report.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1 The decision will enable the delivery of the proposed Botley Bypass - Phase 3 and help ensure Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity by helping to address the existing traffic and associated issues in Botley.
- 2.2 The decision supports the commitment to deliver transport infrastructure improvements that are expected to improve accessibility for local people and thus maximise wellbeing by enhancing the quality of place.
- 2.3 The decision will enable a two-stage tendering process (rather than a traditional single stage tender on completion of the detailed design) to allow Early Contractor Involvement with an appropriately experienced contractor to finalise the design and work in partnership to provide a greater certainty around deliverability; cost and securing the necessary consents/approvals required to realise the benefits of this project.
- 2.4 This approach is recommended to de-risk and improve certainty of the cost position with due regard of the uncertain economic outlook in the

construction sector with emerging construction inflation and resource capacity issues. Factors such as material shortages, rising fuel costs, labour costs and a shortage of HGV drivers which are impacting logistics and supply chain management. Additionally, recent events in eastern Europe are having a very significant impact on top of these existing challenges which has intensified the financial situation in many areas.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1 Hampshire County Council is committed to delivery of this project and has been through a series of Decisions as the project has evolved. This report seeks to deliver on these commitments - alternative strategic options have been rejected.
- 3.2 There is an option to continue with a procurement approach whereby detailed design and a fully worked pre-tender estimate is completed and the market is approached to submit a tender price for delivery. There is significant uncertainty with respect to costs at present with increases being seen across the sector. The regional market has also seen high volumes of infrastructure schemes seeking to be delivered to similar timescales and in such an uncertain market, accurate scheme costs are difficult to predict. This project is also complex in nature and a range of approvals and consents are required (for example: environmental approvals and discharge of planning conditions).
- 3.3 Early contractor engagement through a 2-stage procurement process is recommended to de-risk the project. Therefore, the single stage procurement approach has been rejected.

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:

12 May 2022

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