

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
Date:	12 May 2022
Title:	Project Appraisal: Portsmouth and South-East Hampshire Transforming Cities Fund Schemes (Package 2)
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- 1.1 That, in light of recent consultation, the Executive Lead Member for Economy, Transport and Environment approves the deferral of the Ladybridge Bus Improvements scheme, Purbrook, and therefore its removal from the Transforming City Fund (TCF) programme, with the residual TCF funding being reallocated, subject to Department for Transport (DfT) approval, to support the delivery of the enhanced TCF scheme at Elmleigh Road (Havant), as outlined in the supporting report.
- 1.2 That the Executive Lead Member for Economy, Transport and Environment approves the increase of the Capital Programme value for the Elmleigh Road scheme to £2,155,000 from £1,751,000, as a result of the proposed extension of the scheme, as set out in the supporting report.
- 1.3 That the Executive Lead Member for Economy, Transport and Environment approves the Project Appraisal for Portsmouth Transforming Cities Fund (TCF) schemes - Gosport Interchange and Elmleigh Road (Havant), as outlined in the supporting report.
- 1.4 That approval be given to procure, spend and enter into necessary contractual arrangements, including funding agreements with the relevant local authorities, in consultation with the Head of Legal Services, to implement the proposed improvements to the schemes outlined individually below at a total estimated cost of £9,274,000, as set out in the supporting report:
 - a) Gosport Interchange, Gosport, at a cost of £5,919,000 funded by £5,219,000 of TCF grant and a £700,000 contribution from Gosport Borough Council; and

b) Elmleigh Road, Havant, at a cost of £2,155,000 funded by £1,481,000 of TCF grant, £270,000 of re-allocated TCF grant from the Ladybridge scheme, subject to DfT approval of Change Control, £269,000 of Community Infrastructure Levy funding from Havant Borough Council and £135,000 of County Council LTP funding.

1.5 That authority to make the arrangements to implement the schemes, including minor variations to the design or contract, be delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment.

1.6 That authority is delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment, in consultation with the Head of Legal Services, to progress any orders, notices or statutory procedures and secure any consents, licences, permissions, rights or easements necessary to enable implementation of the schemes.

2. Reasons for the decision:

2.1 The Gosport Interchange Scheme aims to improve public transport connectivity by providing a new site for the bus station and maintaining a key interchange facility serving the adjacent ferry terminal and high-quality Eclipse bus services.

2.2 The Elmleigh Road scheme seeks to improve walking and cycling facilities between Havant College and National Cycle Network Route 22 (NCN22), the aim of which is to provide direct, safe and continuous access between the town centre and the college, as well as rail and bus stations for access to wider travel connectivity in the region.

2.3 The Ladybridge Bus Improvements scheme was developed with the aim of improving the reliability of public transport services on the A3 Star Corridor between Waterlooville and Portsmouth, leading to a reduction in journey times. However, it is considered appropriate to defer and review this scheme in light of recent consultation and engagement results. As deferral will preclude delivery within TCF spend deadlines, subject to DfT approval it is proposed to reallocate TCF funding from the Ladybridge Scheme to the extended Elmleigh Road scheme and consider alternative funding mechanisms for the former.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1 The original TCF bid outlined 'Low, Medium and High' funding scenarios with scheme options based on the level of funding available. Funding was secured to deliver schemes which contained elements from the 'low' & 'medium' funding scenarios. Therefore, this report focuses on those schemes within the approved business case for the medium package and associated secured funding, with other options discounted.

3.2 Consideration has been given to continuing to deliver the Ladybridge Bus Improvements scheme within the wider TCF programme of works. However, with due acknowledgement of the outcome of the engagement activity and a review of timing for delivery, it was considered that it would be more appropriate to consider an alternative approach. Full details of the engagement survey can be found on the webpage and alternative options for later delivery are detailed below in this report.

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:

I thank Councillor Stephen Philpott for his support with this decision, also noting that he is not the local Member as stated in paragraph 28 of the report.

Approved by:

Date:

12 May 2022

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