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AT A MEETING of the Cabinet of HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL held at the Castle, Winchester on Tuesday, 7th December, 2021

Chairman:

\* Councillor Keith Mans

\* Councillor Rob Humby  
\* Councillor Roz Chadd  
\* Councillor Liz Fairhurst  
\* Councillor Steve Forster

Councillor Edward Heron  
\* Councillor Russell Oppenheimer  
\* Councillor Stephen Reid  
\* Councillor Jan Warwick

Also present with the agreement of the Chairman: Councillors Glen, Hayre, House, Porter, and Withers.

## 25. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor Heron

## 26. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were mindful that where they believed they had a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any matter considered at the meeting they must declare that interest at the time of the relevant debate and, having regard to the circumstances described in Part 3, Paragraph 1.5 of the County Council's Members' Code of Conduct, leave the meeting while the matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with Paragraph 1.6 of the Code. Furthermore Members were mindful that where they believed they had a Personal interest in a matter being considered at the meeting they considered whether such interest should be declared, and having regard to Part 5, Paragraph 5 of the Code, considered whether it was appropriate to leave the meeting whilst the matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with the Code.

## 27. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 October 2021 were reviewed and agreed

## 28. **DEPUTATIONS**

No requests to make a deputation had been received, but it was noted that Councillors House and Porter would speak on items on the agenda with the agreement of the Chairman.

## 29. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

In advance of the report later on the agenda, the Chairman highlighted a number of recent meetings regarding County Deal proposals with the Leaders of District and Unitary Councils, which had led to an agreed statement of common purpose

and noted that the Government's White Paper was expected in the new year. The importance of place and local accountability as well as growth and enterprise and therefore the role of key partners in a County Deal was highlighted.

**30. LEARNING TO LIVE WITH COVID-19 AND WORKING TOWARDS ECONOMIC RECOVERY**

Cabinet considered a report of the Chief Executive regarding the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

With the agreement of the Leader, Councillor House addressed Cabinet. He asked how other County Councillors would be engaged in the proposals; asked what the position was on elected mayors and questioned what red lines would lead to devolution rather than levelling up.

In response the Leader clarified that there would be increased engagement with County Councillors as the process developed. He confirmed his historic opposition to elected mayors but confirmed that on this and any red lines it was important to first see the White Paper, however, the County Deal should be an opportunity to work more efficiently to deliver services and an agency delivery scenario would not be acceptable.

Key elements of the report relating to both the public health situation and the delivery of council services were set out. Increasing infection rates in younger age groups across the county were highlighted and it was suggested that this was a result of increased mixing and reducing immunity. It was clear that the vaccine was working and making a difference and the County Council was working with NHS partners on delivery. There had been a small number of instances of the omicron strain in Hampshire and work was underway to understand the impact. With reference to the priority of keeping children in school, it was noted that attendance in Hampshire was above the national average and the corporate priority of managing a return to office working was detailed.

The report was welcomed by Cabinet. Rising infections in schools were highlighted as a cause for concern and it was confirmed that vaccines were available for eligible children via both schools and GPs. The importance of pro-active communications in the recent omicron outbreak was recognised.

The recommendations in the report were considered and agreed. A decision record is attached to these minutes.

**31. FINANCIAL UPDATE AND BUDGET SETTING AND PROVISIONAL CASH LIMITS 2022/23**

Cabinet considered a report of the Chief Finance Officer and Director of Corporate Operations regarding 2022-23 budget setting an update on the in-year financial position.

With the agreement of the Leader, Councillor House addressed Cabinet, asking what financial implications had arisen as a result of the Environment Bill and questioning how the shortfall of £17 million would be resolved.

With the agreement of the Leader, Councillor Porter also addressed Cabinet. She noted the positive investments in Children's Services that were detailed in the report, but expressed concern that where work was delayed the agreed spend could prove insufficient due to price inflation. Councillor Porter also questioned the implications for Parish and Town Councils and for the lengthsman scheme.

The Leader noted that a meeting for all Town and Parish Councils was scheduled to take place and this would provide an opportunity to discuss.

Key points in the report were set out, in particular the implications of the spending review on funding for adult social care. It was highlighted that the usual approach was being proposed of meeting shortfalls with reserves and then incorporating them into future savings programmes; greater certainty would be available when the settlement had been announced. It was confirmed that the implementation date of the Environment Bill would determine the level of savings arising from it and the permanent funding proposed for the climate change team was highlighted.

Cabinet welcomed the report and the long-term commitment to the climate change team. Efficiency upgrades to schools using Saalex grant funding from government were recognised as was success in the recycling of asphalt.

The recommendations in the report were considered and agreed. A decision record is attached to these minutes.

## **32. ANNUAL SAFEGUARDING REPORT - CHILDREN'S SERVICES 2020-21**

Cabinet considered the annual safeguarding report of the Director of Children's Services.

The report was introduced and the approach and response to the key national issues of child exploitation, unaccompanied asylum seeking children and recruitment and retention were drawn out.

Cabinet members welcomed the report and noted its poignancy in light of recent news about Arthur Labinjo-Hughes. It was noted that it was too soon to know whether this tragedy would lead to structural changes to social care and potential budget pressures. However the service was already dealing with an increased number of referrals due to Covid and it was confirmed that Hampshire social workers would always make decisions in the interests of individual children and not according to budget constraints. The above national average rate of school attendance in Hampshire during covid and the success of joined up working between social care, schools and health partners had assisted safeguarding.

The recommendations in the report were considered and agreed. A decision record is attached to these minutes.

33. **ANNUAL SAFEGUARDING REPORT – ADULTS’ HEALTH AND CARE 2020-21**

Cabinet considered the annual safeguarding report of the Director of Adults’ Health and Care.

In introduction of the report, the strong ongoing performance of the department was highlighted in the context of increasing demand and the need to respond to Covid. The contribution of the Hampshire Adult Safeguarding Board was highlighted and recognised by Cabinet.

The recommendations in the report were considered and agreed. A decision record is attached to these minutes.

34. **HAMPSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY GROUP**

Cabinet considered a report of the Director of Adults’ Health and Care regarding the Hampshire Community Safety Strategy Group.

With the agreement of the Leader, Councillor Porter addressed Cabinet, thanking officers for their previous detailed presentation to the Policy and Resources Select Committee. The importance of informing communities about the impact of drug use both personally and in relation to county-lines activity was highlighted.

The report was introduced and it was noted that the Director of Adults’ Health and Care was chairman of the Group and its activity centred around the facilitation of effective partnership working to ensure priorities were being addressed. Attention was drawn to the revised priorities as set out in the report and these were welcomed by Cabinet. With reference to a recent increase in reporting of crimes against women it was highlighted that the Group had recognised violence against women as high priority and this would include working with partners, including schools on a number of areas.

The recommendations in the report were considered and agreed. A decision record is attached to these minutes.

35. **ANNUAL PREVENT REPORT**

Cabinet considered the annual PREVENT report of the Director of Adults’ Health and Care.

The report was introduced and it was noted that its purpose was to update and provide oversight of national and local events. Specifically the recent murder of an MP and the Liverpool hospital bombing had raised the national threat level. Locally there had been an increase in the number of cases being considered. Within the County Council, e-learning training on extremism had been undertaken by 93% of the workforce. Cabinet welcomed the update and recognising the role of social media, highlighted the importance and need for such platforms to take responsibility for their content.

The recommendations in the report were considered and agreed. A decision record is attached to these minutes.

36. **REVIEW OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH PARTNERSHIP FUNCTION BETWEEN ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL AND HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.**

Cabinet considered a report of the Director of Public Health regarding the Public Health partnership with Isle of Wight Council.

The Director of Public Health provided an update on the partnership with Isle of Wight Council, noting the benefit to the wider area at no detriment to HCC and a number of service delivery achievements. Cabinet recognised the positive benefit to officers of gaining a greater breadth of experience and that the County Council was able to enter into such a partnership as a result of its scale and expertise.

The recommendations in the report were considered and agreed. A decision record is attached to these minutes.

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## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Cabinet
<b>Date:</b>	7 December 2021
<b>Title:</b>	Learning to live with Covid-19 and working towards Economic Recovery
<b>Report From:</b>	Chief Executive

**Contact name:** Carolyn Williamson, Chief Executive

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#### 1. The decision:

That Cabinet

1. Note the position on economic recovery action taken and the opportunities that arise for the region through the prospects of a County Deal and the potentially significant contribution a Deal could make to both the strength and nature of that economic recovery as outlined in the report, as well as an opportunity to secure wider public services reform and enhanced place leadership at different spatial levels.
2. Notes the Statement of Common Ground attached at Annex 3 that was unanimously agreed by Pan-Hampshire Leaders.
3. Endorses the draft County Deal Prospectus attached at Annex 4 which is being further developed through engagement and collaboration with partners for submission to Government in due course.
4. Endorses the current direction of travel for the devolution/County Deal work as set out in this report and authorises further work with partners to explore and develop these ideas.
5. Note that through the implementation of the COVID vaccination programme the link between infection rates and hospitalisation and deaths has been largely broken. Nevertheless, as a society and in our role as the public health authority there is a need to manage rates of infections.
6. Note the contents of this report as a further summary of the exceptional events and recovery actions taken by the County Council concerning the COVID-19 crisis, bearing in mind that this remains a high-level analysis of what continues to be such a substantial and potentially fast changing crisis.

7. Note the fuller analyses contained in this report of continued recovery work, through the Collective Wisdom project related particularly to the return to the office.
8. Continue to recognise the on-going exceptional commitment and flexibility of the staff of the County Council as the crisis has progressed.

**2. Reason(s) for the decision:**

- 2.1. To provide Cabinet with an update on the Covid crisis as it is affecting the County Council, as an organisation and for the residents of the county.

**3. Other options considered and rejected:**

- 3.1. None.

**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:**

<b>Approved by:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
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<b>Chairman of Cabinet Councillor Keith Mans</b>	



## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Cabinet
<b>Date:</b>	7 December 2021
<b>Title:</b>	Financial Update and Budget Setting and Provisional Cash Limits 2022/23
<b>Report From:</b>	Chief Finance Officer and Director of Corporate Operations

**Contact name:** Rob Carr, Chief Finance Officer and Director of Corporate Operations

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#### 1. The decision:

That Cabinet

1. Notes the latest financial position for the current year as at the end of September compared to that reported to the last Cabinet
2. Notes the increasing cost pressures building across both Adults, Health and Care and Children's Services Departments.
3. Notes the announcement of a three year Spending Review and the impact on the County Council's medium term financial planning, set out in Section E.
4. Approves the revised baseline position for the forecast completion of the Transformation to 2019 and Transformation to 2021 Programmes as outlined in Section F.
5. Approves the allocation from corporate contingencies of £326,000 recurring funding and one-off funding of £125,000 per annum for two years for the Council's Climate Change Team from April 2022.
6. Approves the provisional revenue cash limits for 2022/23 set out in Appendix 1.
7. Approves the capital guideline amounts for the next three years set out in paragraph 96.
8. Approves the reallocation of £1.5m of Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme grant funding from the boiler controls programme to a new programme of cavity wall insulation and approves a contribution of up to £150k from the Schools Condition Allocation underwrite funding for the decarbonisation programme approved in March 2021.

**2. Reason(s) for the decision:**

For Cabinet to consider:

- 2.1. The in-year financial position as at the end of September, including the transformation programmes (Transformation to 2019 and to 2021).
- 2.2. The process and framework for setting the 2022/23 budget.
- 2.3. The financial impact of the Autumn Budget and Multi-Year Spending Review for the County Council, announced by the Government on 27 October, and the Council's financial prospects over the medium term.
- 2.4. The unavoidable pressures and investment priorities that have been identified to date as part of the preparatory work for the 2022/23 budget.

**3. Other options considered and rejected:**

- 3.1. None.

**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:**

<b>Approved by:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
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<b>Chairman of Cabinet Councillor Keith Mans</b>	

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Cabinet
<b>Date:</b>	7 December 2021
<b>Title:</b>	Annual Safeguarding Report - Children's Services 2020-21
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Children's Services

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**1. The decision:**

That Cabinet

1. Notes the positive progress and continued consistently high performance with regards to safeguarding children in Hampshire.
2. Notes the commitment of a wide range of Children's Services officers in achieving this level of performance.
3. Receives further updates on safeguarding on an annual basis.

**2. Reason(s) for the decision:**

- 2.1. For Cabinet to consider an annual update on safeguarding children activity within Children's Services during 2020/21.

**3. Other options considered and rejected:**

- 3.1. None.

**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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## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Cabinet
<b>Date:</b>	7 December 2021
<b>Title:</b>	Annual Safeguarding Report – Adults’ Health and Care 2020-21
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Adults’ Health and Care

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#### 1. The decision:

That Cabinet:

- 1.1 Notes the positive progress and strong performance of the Department to keep adults at risk safe from abuse and/or neglect, whilst acknowledging ongoing risks to fulfilling statutory safeguarding duties.
- 1.2 Notes the commitment of a wide range of Adults’ Health and Care staff, and wider partner agencies, to delivering robust safeguarding arrangements in Hampshire.
- 1.3 Notes the contribution of the Hampshire Safeguarding Adults Board (HSAB) to safeguarding strategy, assurance and the development of policy across the four local authority areas of Hampshire, Portsmouth, Southampton and the Isle of Wight.

#### 2 Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1 This report provides an annual update in respect of the local authority statutory duty to safeguard vulnerable adults.

#### 3 Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1 None

#### 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:**

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## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Cabinet
<b>Date:</b>	7 December 2021
<b>Title:</b>	Hampshire Community Safety Strategy Group
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Adults' Health and Care

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**1. The decision:**

1.1 That Cabinet notes the progress on the work of the Hampshire Community Safety Strategy Group (HCSSG), including the role in providing oversight and assurance of collaborative arrangements at the Hampshire county-level to address community safety priorities.

**2. Reasons for the decision:**

2.1 This report provides an update on the work of the Hampshire Community Safety Strategy Group.

**3. Other options considered and rejected:**

3.1 None

**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:**

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## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Cabinet
<b>Date:</b>	7 December 2021
<b>Title:</b>	Annual PREVENT Report
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Adults' Health and Care

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#### 1. The decision:

1.1 That Cabinet notes this update on PREVENT activity in Hampshire, including the work being undertaken by the County Council and its partners in the management and mitigation of issues related to duties under the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015, and the Counter Terrorism and Border Security Act 2019.

1.2 That Cabinet receive a further update in 12 months' time.

#### 2. Reasons for the decision:

2.1 The purpose of this annual report is to provide information and assurance on:

- the County Council's delivery of the PREVENT duty and responsibilities hosted within Adults' Health and Care;
- delivery of the County Council's Channel Panel responsibilities; and
- notable local events and national highlights.

#### 3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1 None

#### 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:**

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## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Cabinet
<b>Date:</b>	7 December 2021
<b>Title:</b>	Review of the Public Health Partnership Function between Isle of Wight Council and Hampshire County Council.
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Public Health

**Contact name:** Simon Bryant, Director of Public Health

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**1. The decision:**

That Cabinet

1. Support the continuation of the Public Health Partnership with Isle of Wight Council which will support the further improvement of public health outcomes for Isle of Wight residents at no detriment to Hampshire, with a review point in three years in line with the agreement.

**2. Reason(s) for the decision:**

For Cabinet to consider:

- 2.1. An update on the Public Health Partnership with Isle of Wight Council, specifically on progress against the remaining recommendations from the 2018 review which had not been met at the time of the formal partnership.

**3. Other options considered and rejected:**

- 3.1. None.

**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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**7 December 2021**

**Chairman of Cabinet  
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