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AT A MEETING of the Cabinet of HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL held at the Castle, Winchester on Tuesday, 15th March, 2022

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 Carpenter, Glen, Hayre, Mocatta, Mummalaneni and Porter.

46. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

All Cabinet Members were in attendance.

47. 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.

Councillor Heron declared a personal interest in Local Regeneration and Growth partnerships with District Local Authorities (Minute 52 refers) by virtue of his role as Leader of a District Council.

48. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 February 2022 were reviewed and agreed.

49. DEPUTATIONS

A deputation was received from Mark Peters (Chairman of the Winklebury and Manydown Action Group) relating to the Annual Report of the Director of Public Health (Minute 54 refers). Mr Peters expressed his concern about the health care provision in Winklebury, in particular that the proposed new health centre would be of insufficient capacity and poorly located with limited accessibility and the potential to cause traffic congestion. Highlighting the recommendation of the

Director of Public Health to work with partners, Mr Peters proposed that the former Fort Hill school site would a better location for a number of reasons and asked Cabinet to work with Basingstoke and Dean Borough Council to review the plans with this in mind.

The Leader thanked Mr Peters for his comments and confirmed they would be brought to the attention of relevant partners and that congestion concerns would be looked into.

It was noted that Councillors Porter and Mummalaneni would speak on various agenda items with the agreement of the Leader.

50. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Leader highlighted the tragic and horrifying situation developing in the Ukraine. He praised the strength of the Ukrainian people and hoped that the conflict could end as soon as possible. He welcomed the support that was being given to the Ukraine and the ability to support refugees seeking safety. He confirmed that left over funding from the Members' devolved grants budget had been topped up to £100,000 and designated to provide support in particular via housing and education for those affected.

51. 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 and work on economic recovery.

In introduction to the report, an overview of economic recovery and progress on the County Deal was given. It was noted that Covid rates were again increasing nationally and locally, although testing had reduced. Hospitalisations had not yet increased as a result of this increase. Cabinet heard that the vaccination programme had slowed, but a fourth dose was likely to be offered to some groups from April and eligibility to children under 12 would be extended. The use of office space and the relative impact on local economies caused by home working versus the environmental benefits were discussed. It was acknowledged that hybrid working had become normal practice and had many benefits in some circumstances, however face to face working was important to service delivery and overall there had been a definite increase in office use. Cabinet welcomed the focus on making best use of existing facilities and finding opportunities to improve engagement with the public.

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

52. LOCAL REGENERATION AND GROWTH PARTNERSHIPS WITH DISTRICT LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Cabinet considered a report of the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment regarding Local Regeneration and Growth Partnerships with District Local Authorities.

The report was introduced and the multi-disciplinary approach building on existing relationships with District partners was set out, with consistent County Council representation across each partnership via the Executive Lead Member for ETE. The benefits of a consistent, but also flexible approach to facilitate partnership working were recognised and Cabinet welcomed the focus on supporting residents through a focus on post Covid economic recovery. The importance of being able to support delivery of the priorities for each District as well as the inclusion of Towns and Parishes was noted and the strength of two tier working was highlighted.

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

53. SCHOOL STREETS

Cabinet considered a report of the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment providing an update on the Hampshire School Streets Pilot.

With the agreement of the Leader, Councillor Porter addressed Cabinet. She welcomed the progress of the pilot and asked whether it could be connected to walk to school week, air quality be monitored and a secondary school added for greater comparison. She also suggested that alternative models be considered to reduce the reliance on volunteers and that children's views be given more prominence.

With reference to the report, Cabinet heard that the pilots had been successful, with high community support and a reduction in car traffic around schools. Noting that one school had dropped out due to a shortage of volunteers, the proposal to extend the pilot in the remaining schools was highlighted and it was confirmed that alternative models would be considered, but cost and practicality needed to be taken into account.

Cabinet Members welcomed the report and recognising the difficulties of sustaining a volunteer network, supported continuation of the pilot. It was noted that outcomes could be compared with alternative 20mph trials in the future.

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

54. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH 2021-22. COVID-19: ADDRESSING INEQUALITIES IN MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING ACROSS HAMPSHIRE.

Cabinet considered the annual report of the Director of Public Health.

With the agreement of the Leader, Councillor Mummalaneni addressed Cabinet. He welcomed the report and noted the importance of mental and physical health provision. With reference to the deputation received earlier in the meeting, Councillor Mummalaneni confirmed that his Division included Winklebury and Manydown and gave a brief overview of the development planned in the area.

He noted that the area was deprived relative to other parts of the County and the importance of adequate healthcare provision. He suggested that the Fort Hill school site would allow sufficient space for a suitable health centre and asked that the County Council work with Basingstoke and Dean in line with the Director of Public Health recommendations to ensure that provision would meet need.

The report of the Director of Public Health relating to the impact of Covid on mental health was introduced and the recommendations in it highlighted to Cabinet. Members welcomed the report and the Director's recommendations, acknowledging the importance of the issue and of mental health support provision.

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

55. **SCHOOL ORGANISATION - AMENDMENT TO CURRENT DECISION-MAKING ARRANGEMENTS**

Cabinet considered a report of the Director of Children's Services regarding decision making arrangements for decisions relating to school organisation.

With the agreement of the Leader, Councillor Porter addressed Cabinet, highlighting that any decision to close a school should not be taken lightly and suggesting therefore that there was a benefit in retaining this as a Cabinet responsibility.

With reference to the report it was confirmed that there was no requirement for Cabinet to make these decisions and that the current process was inconsistent with similar processes that had similar effective outcomes, such as amalgamation. Alignment of the process to make all such decisions the responsibility of the Executive Lead Member for Children's services would not reduce transparency, or the ability of the public to have their say.

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

Chairman,

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Cabinet
Date:	15 March 2022
Title:	Learning to live with Covid-19 and working towards Economic Recovery
Report From:	Chief Executive

Contact name: Carolyn Williamson, Chief Executive

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Email: Carolyn.williamson@hants.gov.uk

1. The decision:

That Cabinet

- 1.1. Note that, as the crisis subsides and learning to live with Covid-19 becomes the norm, future reports will focus primarily on economic recovery unless there is a matter of significance to report
- 1.2. Notes that in February 2022, the much-awaited government White Paper, Levelling Up the United Kingdom, was published, which will now guide the work regarding the County Deal as previously approved by Cabinet and County Council, with Cabinet continuing to endorse the direction of travel of this work as set out in this paper in line with previous recommendations detailed in Para 53.
- 1.3. Note the position on economic recovery action taken and the continued development of 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.
- 1.4. 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.
- 1.5. 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.

1.6. 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 and the progress on economic recovery, particularly with respect to the County Deal.

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:

15 March 2022

**Chairman of Cabinet
Councillor Keith Mans**

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Cabinet
Date:	15 March 2022
Title:	Local Regeneration and Growth Partnerships with District Local Authorities
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

Contact name: Richard Kenny

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1. The decision:

1.1 It is recommended that Cabinet:

- a) Approves the new model of engagement for local regeneration and growth partnership working with the districts and boroughs of Hampshire and endorses the extension of this approach where appropriate to neighbouring Unitary authorities.
- b) Approves a new approach for local regeneration and growth, based on combining a strategic view of the overall needs of Hampshire with local priorities arising in each area, and connecting need with opportunities, maximising delivery through collaboration and partnership working and determining the right and proportionate interventions based on best available evidence.
- c) Notes the growing opportunities arising from emerging national Government policy changes, for a more active County Council in the sub national place agenda across the economic, social and environmental policy spheres and the scope for a more outward-facing and collaborative approach.
- d) Agrees that the County Council should be represented in local regeneration and growth partnership governance arrangements by the Executive Lead Member for Economy, Transport and Environment plus a local county councillor where appropriate, and that appointment to such future partnership arrangements is delegated to the Executive Lead Member for Economy, Transport and Environment.
- e) Keeps the new model of engagement under constant monitoring and review through update reports being submitted to the Economic Development Sub Committee.

2. Reasons for the decision:

2.1 Nationally, sub-nationally and locally there is a growing importance of regeneration and growth strategies, programmes and projects. Hampshire County Council has assets and capabilities that can add value to local regeneration and growth across the county, working in partnership with the

districts and boroughs of Hampshire, as well as neighbouring areas. At present, however, there is no clear 'lens' from within the County Council or elsewhere over existing arrangements in relation to regeneration and growth initiatives.

2.2 Through the implementation of the suggested external governance and internal collaborative arrangements, led by the EISP function, significant local regeneration and growth can be made across Hampshire to the benefit of our residents, businesses, and communities.

2.3 This decision links with Hampshire County Council's 'Serving Hampshire's Residents - Strategic Plan 2021 - 2025' Aim 1: Hampshire maintains strong and resilient economic growth & prosperity'.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. To not propose new local regeneration and growth partnership approaches, however this would result in a continued sub-optimal approach.

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:

15 March 2022

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HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Cabinet
Date:	15 March 2022
Title:	School Streets
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

Contact name: Dominic McGrath

Tel: 0370 779 3710

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1. The decision:

That Cabinet

1.1 Notes the findings and initial conclusions from the first phase of the pilot scheme evaluation.

1.2 Endorses the continued operation of the existing School Streets pilot sites on a trial basis during 2022, with a report on the further data and evaluation to be considered in the autumn of 2022.

1.3 Authorises design and evaluation of alternative operating models, including ANPR camera enforcement, for School Streets, to inform the final evaluation and recommendations from the pilots.

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

2.1. To receive an update on the Hampshire School Streets Pilot, and agree an initial policy approach for the development of a potential future Hampshire School Streets programme.

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:

15 March 2022

**Chairman of Cabinet
Councillor Keith Mans**

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Cabinet
Date:	15 March 2022
Title:	Annual Report of the Director of Public Health 2021-22 - Covid-19: addressing inequalities in mental health and wellbeing across Hampshire.
Report From:	Director of Public Health

Contact name: Simon Bryant

Tel: 0370 779 3256

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1. The decision:

That Cabinet

1.1. Note the Annual Report of the Director of Public Health 2021.

1.2. Endorse the recommendations within the Annual Report as listed below:

- a) Work with partners across Hampshire to promote a prevention-focused approach towards improving the public's mental and emotional health through progressing the work of Hampshire's Mental Health Prevention Concordat.
- b) Work alongside community, voluntary sector and district partners to identify how we can support mental health and wellbeing for people from ethnic minority backgrounds and other populations at increased risk of COVID-19 in Hampshire. This includes utilising Community Researchers to engage with their communities to understand key issues around mental and emotional health and wellbeing.
- c) Mobilise community assets to promote mental and physical health and wellbeing via the implementation of a Community Champion programme, whilst also strengthening communities through a sustained Men's Activity Network.
- d) Strengthen the pathways for people with co-occurring mental health and alcohol and drug use conditions, working with the NHS Transforming Mental Health Services programme
- e) Ensuring that mental health services are equally accessible for everyone, including those from ethnic minority groups who are more likely to have been affected by the impact of COVID-19.

- f) Focus on the wider social and economic factors to address inequalities and mental health. For example, understanding the impact of COVID-19 on people’s personal finances and mental wellbeing and seeking to address these through targeted resources for residents and training programmes to support front-line staff.
- g) Building capacity and capability across frontline workforces to prevent mental health problems and promote good mental and emotional wellbeing within their everyday practice using the Public Mental Health Leadership and Workforce Development Framework Call to Action.
- h) Continuing to promote public-facing culturally competent mental and emotional wellbeing resources and targeted communications campaigns, especially to address areas of inequalities

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

2.1. To present the annual report of the Director of Public Health to Cabinet.

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:

<p>Approved by:</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Chairman of Cabinet Councillor Keith Mans</p>	<p>Date:</p> <p>15 March 2022</p>
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HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Cabinet
Date:	15 March 2022
Title:	School Organisation - amendment to current decision-making arrangements
Report From:	Director of Children's Services

Contact name: Richard Vaughan

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1. The decision:

That Cabinet

1.1. Approves that the decision making authority in relation to school closures and where required linked proposals be transferred from the Cabinet to the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services (with immediate effect). This amends paragraph 2(c) of the Cabinet Report (item 5) of the 21 May 2007 Education and Inspections Act 2006 – Implications for School Organisation Decisions, which requires Cabinet to consider and decide upon school closures and if required linked proposals that fall out of the scope of authority of the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services.

1.2. Notes that all other recommendations set out in the 21 May 2007 Cabinet report Education and Inspections Act 2006 – Implications for School Organisation Decisions are not affected by this decision.

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

2.1. To move all matters in relation to school organisation under the decision-making authority of the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services. Therefore, removing the current requirement for Cabinet to consider and decide upon school closures and if required linked proposals that currently fall out of the scope of authority of the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services. This brings it in to line with other related decisions such as school amalgamations, simplifying the decision making process and enabling all matters on school organisation to be treated as business as usual.

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:

15 March 2022

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