

# HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services
<b>Date:</b>	9 March 2023
<b>Title:</b>	Membership of Assembly of European Region
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Hampshire 2050

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### 1. The decision:

- 1.1 That the Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services approves the resignation of Hampshire County Council's membership of the Assembly of European Regions at the earliest opportunity.
- 1.2 That the Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services delegates authority to the Director of Hampshire 2050 to send a letter of resignation from the County Council to the Assembly of European Regions and to take such other action as is required to implement the County Council's resignation.

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

- 2.1 On-going costs and time associated with membership of the AER no longer represents value for money, especially in the context of the changing focus of the UK International trade policy, and with the County Council's resource now focused on supporting Hampshire businesses and Inward Investment opportunities, in accordance with the approved Economic Strategy.

### 3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1 Remain as part of the Assembly of European Regions. This option was rejected as it no longer represents value for money.

### 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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**9 March 2023**

**Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050  
and Corporate Services  
Councillor Rob Humby**