

# HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Lead Member for Universal Services
<b>Date:</b>	18 September 2023
<b>Title:</b>	Universal Services Savings Programme to 2025 – Revenue Savings Proposals
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Universal Services

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### 1. The decision:

- 1.1 To approve the submission of the proposed savings options contained in this report and Appendix 1 to the Cabinet.

### 2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1 The County Council expects to face a budget gap of at least £132m by 2025/26 due to growing demand for services such as social care for vulnerable children and adults, significant increases in the cost of goods and services and continued shortfalls in government funding.
- 2.2 The County Council undertook an open public consultation '*Making the most of your money*' which ran for six weeks between 12 June and 23 July 2023.
- 2.3 The consultation was widely promoted to residents and stakeholders, and asked for views on a range of high-level options that could help to address the shortfall, so that the County Council could take residents' needs into account when considering the way forward.
- 2.4 Following successive programmes, which will have delivered over £640m cost reductions since June 2010, the Universal Services Directorate started work in March 2022 to identify potential opportunities for further savings to contribute to meeting the Council's budget gap to 2025/26.

### 3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. A range of savings options for meeting the estimated budget gap were evaluated for viability in preparing this report, The proposals presented in the report were considered to be the best of options that take into account: relative impact, the views of stakeholders, and the requirement to maximise the contribution to the Savings Programme to 2025.

**4. Conflicts of interest:**

4.1. Conflict of interest declared by the decision maker: None

4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: Not applicable

**5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel:** None

**6. Reasons for the matter being dealt with if urgent:** Not applicable

**7. Statement from the Decision Maker:**

I thank the Select Committee for its input in pre-scrutinising the proposals and the support and comments, which have been considered in making my Decision.

**Approved by:**

**Date:**

18 September 2023

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**Executive Lead Member for Universal Services**