

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Universal Services
Date:	15 January 2024
Title:	2024/25 Revenue Budget Report for Universal Services
Report From:	Director of Universal Services and Director of Corporate Operations

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1. The decision:

To approve for submission to the Leader and the Cabinet:

- 1.1. The revised revenue budget for 2023/24 as set out in Appendix 1.
- 1.2. The summary revenue budget for 2024/25 as set out in Appendix 2

2. Reason for the decision:

- 2.1. The County Council is required to agree its budget and set the council tax for 2024/25 at its meeting on 6 February 2024. The Cabinet agreed provisional cash limits for each Department at its meeting on 12 December 2023 and asked Executive Members with Chief Officers to develop their detailed revenue budgets within these guidelines.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. The total of the budget proposals in this report are in line with the guidelines set by Cabinet. A budget in excess of the guidelines is not considered affordable and a budget significantly below the guidelines would not enable service objectives to be met. These service objectives and budgets for 2024/25 and future years have been developed in keeping with the County Council's priorities.

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:

I thank the Select Committee for scrutinising the proposals and their overall support of the recommendations.

Approved by:

Date:

15 January 2024

**Executive Lead Member for Universal Services
Councillor Nick Adams-King**