

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Countryside and Rural Affairs
Date:	19 September 2019
Title:	Transformation to 2021 – Revenue Savings Proposals
Report From:	Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services and Director of Corporate Resources – Corporate Services

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1. The decision:

1.1. To approve the submission of the proposed savings options contained in Transformation to 2021 – Revenue Savings Proposals and Appendix 1 to the Cabinet.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. The County Council has been responding to reductions in public spending, designed to close the structural deficit within the economy, since the first reductions to government grants were applied in 2010/11 and then as part of subsequent Comprehensive Spending Reviews.
- 2.2. The County Council undertook an open public consultation called *Serving Hampshire – Balancing the Budget* which ran for six weeks between 5 June – 17 July. The consultation was widely promoted to stakeholders and residents and asked for their views on ways the County Council could balance its budget in response to continuing pressures on local government funding, and still deliver core public services.
- 2.3. Following successive corporate programmes which have delivered over £480m cost reductions since June 2010 the Culture, Communities and Business Services department started work in October 2018 to identify potential opportunities for further savings to meet the £3.382m departmental savings target for 1 April 2021.

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 set of options that take into account: relative impact, the views of stakeholders, and the ability to meet the target that was set.

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:

19 September 2019

Councillor Edward Heron
Executive Member for Countryside and Rural Affairs