

REPORT OF THE
Executive Member for Countryside and Rural Affairs
PART II

1. County Farms Policy Review

- 1.1. On the 19 September 2019 the Executive Member for Countryside and Rural Affairs decided to initiate a review of the 2010 County Farms Policy in 2019/20.
- 1.2. This is to ensure a viable framework for County Farms service delivery in relation to emerging policies on Brexit, mitigation, climate change and Vision for Hampshire 2050; to align the County Farms Estate with the demands of the Strategic Land Programme; and to define the toolkit for farm replacement.
- 1.3. The proposal links to Serving Hampshire, the Strategic Plan for 2017-2021. Farmers are very much part of Hampshire's rural communities and agriculture is part of Hampshire's rich and diverse environment, contributing to its character as well as the appropriate use and conservation of its natural resources. By continuing to provide effective County Farms service delivery the County Council is supporting businesses to start and grow sustainably and helping its service users get a good start in agriculture, developing and maintaining relevant skills that will help them to compete more fairly in the market.
- 1.4. The interim review of County Farms Policy will secure the continued success of the Estate as a vehicle for service delivery, and better define the key issues around finances, tenancies, strategic land, climate change and Vision for Hampshire 2050.

Further details can be found at the link below:

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