

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Cabinet
Date:	14 July 2020
Title:	Medium Term Financial Strategy Update
Report From:	Director of Corporate Resources

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1. The decision:

That Cabinet:

- 1.1. Notes the current level of unfunded costs and losses of approaching £103m, as detailed in paragraph 14.
- 1.2. Notes that the County Council will continue to lobby the Government to underwrite all of the financial consequences of the crisis and that as part of this lobbying, the Leader of the County Council will write to the Government requesting that they honour their commitment to fully fund the financial consequences of Covid-19.
- 1.3. Notes the urgent decisions taken to date in respect of a number of key issues relating to the County Council's response to the Covid-19 pandemic, as set out in Appendix 1.
- 1.4. Approves additional ongoing funding of up to £1.7m to be met from general contingencies to enable the Special Educational Needs service to meet the rising demands they are facing and help them meet their statutory duties.
- 1.5. Approves an additional £3.783m for additional social workers in the current year to be met from Covid-19 grant funding and up to £6.7m in 2021/22 subject to a review of demand and caseloads at the end of this financial year.
- 1.6. Approves further payments to social care providers of £5.910m to be met from Covid-19 grant funding and delegates authority to the Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Corporate Resources in consultation with the Director of Adults' Health and Care to agree a further month's payments at a cost of £2.418m.
- 1.7. Recommends to County Council that:
 - a) A capital underwriting of up to £5m be approved to be met from capital receipts to enable existing schemes to continue where there may be increased costs and to delegate authority to the Deputy Chief Executive

and Director of Corporate Resources to allocate this funding as appropriate.

b) The timetabling options for a successor savings programme as set out in paragraph 163 be approved.

c) The Departmental savings targets as set out in paragraph 165 be approved.

2. Reasons for the decision:

2.1. To provide an update and decisions on the medium term financial prospects for the County Council to 2022/23, in particular in view of the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. None.

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: Not applicable

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:
----- Chairman of Cabinet Councillor Keith Mans	14 July 2020