

# HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
<b>Date:</b>	28 July 2021
<b>Title:</b>	Investing in Hampshire Fund – Southampton City Council UK City of Culture 2025
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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### 1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Executive Member for Policy and Resources confirms that the Investing in Hampshire Fund supports Southampton City Council's bid with an initial payment of £10,000 in 2021/22, followed by an additional five £10,000 annual payments.
- 1.2. That financial support would be contingent on the bid successfully progressing through the competition and the development of a programming and promotion plan that benefits a wider Hampshire hinterland

### 2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. To support Southampton City Council's bid for UK City of Culture 2025 as this status would be a key catalyst for cultural, social, and economic renewal for the city and its Hampshire hinterland.

### 3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Not to support Southampton's bid and provide financial support. Government is looking for bids that, amongst other criteria, demonstrate strong partnership working across broader sub-regional geographies. Not supporting would weaken the bid and limit the opportunity for wider Hampshire to benefit from 2025 City of Culture status.
- 3.2. Provide a different level of financial contribution. The County Council's recommended contribution is at a level provided by other contributing Hampshire and Isle of Wight local authorities.

### 4. Conflicts of interest:

- 4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker:
- 4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted:

5. **Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel:**
6. **Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent:** Not applicable
7. **Statement from the decision maker:**

**Approved by:**

**Date:**

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**Councillor Keith Mans**  
**Executive Member for Policy and Resources**

**28 July 2021**