

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Cabinet
<b>Date:</b>	7 December 2021
<b>Title:</b>	Learning to live with Covid-19 and working towards Economic Recovery
<b>Report From:</b>	Chief Executive

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#### 1. The decision:

That Cabinet

1. Note the position on economic recovery action taken and the opportunities that arise for the region through the prospects of a County Deal and the potentially significant contribution a Deal could make to both the strength and nature of that economic recovery as outlined in the report, as well as an opportunity to secure wider public services reform and enhanced place leadership at different spatial levels.
2. Notes the Statement of Common Ground attached at Annex 3 that was unanimously agreed by Pan-Hampshire Leaders.
3. Endorses the draft County Deal Prospectus attached at Annex 4 which is being further developed through engagement and collaboration with partners for submission to Government in due course.
4. Endorses the current direction of travel for the devolution/County Deal work as set out in this report and authorises further work with partners to explore and develop these ideas.
5. Note that through the implementation of the COVID vaccination programme the link between infection rates and hospitalisation and deaths has been largely broken. Nevertheless, as a society and in our role as the public health authority there is a need to manage rates of infections.
6. Note the contents of this report as a further summary of the exceptional events and recovery actions taken by the County Council concerning the COVID-19 crisis, bearing in mind that this remains a high-level analysis of what continues to be such a substantial and potentially fast changing crisis.

7. Note the fuller analyses contained in this report of continued recovery work, through the Collective Wisdom project related particularly to the return to the office.
8. Continue to recognise the on-going exceptional commitment and flexibility of the staff of the County Council as the crisis has progressed.

**2. Reason(s) for the decision:**

- 2.1. To provide Cabinet with an update on the Covid crisis as it is affecting the County Council, as an organisation and for the residents of the county.

**3. Other options considered and rejected:**

- 3.1. None.

**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: none.**

**6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.**

**7. Statement from the Decision Maker:**

<b>Approved by:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
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<b>Chairman of Cabinet Councillor Keith Mans</b>	