

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

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| Decision Maker: | Executive Member for Recreation, Heritage and Rural Affairs |
| Date: | 13 July 2022 |
| Title: | Hampshire County Farms Annual Report 2021/22 |
| Report From: | Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services |

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1. The Decision:

- 1.1 That the contents of this first annual Hampshire County Farms report and newsletter is noted by the Executive Member for Recreation, Heritage and Rural Affairs.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1 On 19 March 2021, the Executive Member for Recreation, Heritage, Countryside and Rural Affairs approved the new County Farms Policy. The decision report proposed the preparation of an annual performance report to monitor policy implementation.
- 2.2 This first annual Hampshire County Farms report sets out progress made in the 2021/22 year. Progress has principally been centred around the key issue of new lettings, an important first stage in the lifecycle of a county farm holding. A new letting and tenant selection process has been both agreed and extensively tested during this first implementation year, culminating in the letting of 6 farms to new entrant farmers from Spring 2022.
- 2.3 Significant steps have also been undertaken to improve the profile and identity of Hampshire County Farms as a service. This has included its movement within the CCBS structure from Property Services to the Natural Environment and Recreation branch to facilitate better, more joined up leadership and support across the County Council's rural estate.
- 2.4 The report also includes a newsletter summary of service activities at Appendix 1.

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: 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:

**Councillor Russell Oppenheimer
Executive Member for Recreation, Heritage and Rural
Affairs**

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