

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Committee:	Hampshire 2050, Corporate Services and Resources Select Committee
Date:	30 November 2023
Title:	Establishment of a Task and Finish Working Group for Directorate SP25 Proposals Requiring a Stage 2 Consultation
Report From:	Director of Hampshire 2050

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Purpose of this Report

1. The purpose of this report is to propose the establishment of a Task and Finish Working Group for the Hampshire 2050, Corporate Services and Resources Select Committee for Directorate SP25 proposals requiring a stage 2 Consultation.

Recommendations

2. That the Hampshire 2050, Corporate Services and Resources Select Committee:
 - sets up a Task and Finish Working Group to oversee and scrutinise the approach and outcomes of the County Council's stage 2 consultation relating to specific Hampshire 2050 Directorate savings proposals;
 - agrees the Terms of Reference for the Working Group, as set out in Appendix A; and
 - agrees the membership of the Working Group.

Contextual information

3. The Budget Consultation 2024-2026 Making the Most of Your Money, published in June 2023, proposed a number of reductions in Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services budgets, approved by Full County Council on 9 November 2023. Two proposals are identified as requiring Stage 2 consultations:

- **Hampshire Cultural Trust Management Funding Agreement:** Review of grant funding provided to Hampshire Cultural Trust under a formal Management and Funding Agreement; and
- **Centrally administered competitive grants:** A review and consolidation of existing centrally administered competitive grant schemes which provide one-off grants to a range of community groups and organisations.

Proposal

4. In accordance with the County Council's scrutiny arrangements conducted by the Hampshire 2050, Corporate Services and Resources Select Committee, it is proposed to set up a Task and Finish Working Group to give an opportunity to see the finalised stage 2 consultation documents, receive updates on the consultation process and coverage for engagement of key stakeholders, and provide feedback on the presentation of the findings of the Stage 2 Consultation process.
5. Proposed terms of reference are included in Appendix A, setting out the role, purpose, objectives, outcomes and proposed membership of the working group.

Next Steps

6. Following confirmed nominations in accordance with the membership set out in the terms of reference, it is proposed that the working group will hold an initial meeting on 22 December 2023 to review the finalised consultation document (and to also understand the timeline for reviewing) and make recommendations on the outcomes of the planned formal public consultation.