HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Officer Decision Record

Decision Maker:	John Tickle, Assistant Director – Culture and Heritage
Title:	Amendment to the extension of the Service Agreement for the Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership (Bird Aware)

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1. The decision:

- 1.1 That an amendment to the extension of the Service agreement for the Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership (Bird Aware) revising the income figures from £116,054 to £325,040 is agreed.
- 1.1. That in providing the revision the agreement supports additional seasonal rangers and further two full time year round rangers hosted by Hampshire County Council Countryside Service (HCCCS) to carry out Bird aware engagement work along the Solent SPA.

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

- 2.1. HCCCS is keen to host additional Ranger provision within this productive partnership supporting Countryside Service objectives and priorities.
- 2.2. The SRMP (Bird Aware) are keen for the HCC partnership to continue. HCC rangers are highly regarded by the SRMP Partnership steering group and project board.
- 2.3. HCCCS considers the SRMP programme supports the continuation and the improvement of a rich and diverse environment, access to the coast and helps to promote a diverse voluntary community sector.
- 2.4. The programme continues to promote Countryside Service objectives through alternative delivery of ranger services.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. That Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust host the additional rangers. This was considered and discussed however it was felt the need for additional rangers is best located on the mainland and that HCC would be best placed to host the additional rangers.
- 3.2. It was considered that the additional rangers could be hosted by a third party. This was dismissed as being an unnecessary option.

6. Supporting information:		
2017-09-20 - SRM Approval - Amended Extension to SRMP SA		
Approved by:	Date:	
	3 October 2017	
(John Tickle, Assistant Director – Culture and Heritage)		
On behalf of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services		

5. Dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service:

4. Conflicts of interest:

4.1. None

5.1 None