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Executive Decision Records

Please find set out below a number of Executive Decisions taken at the HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL Executive Member for Recreation, Heritage, Countryside and Rural Affairs Decision Day held remotely on Friday, 19th March, 2021

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Item 1

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Recreation, Heritage, Countryside and Rural Affairs
Date:	19 March 2021
Title:	County Farms Policy
Report From:	Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services

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1. The decision:

That the Executive Member for Recreation, Heritage, Countryside and Rural Affairs:

- i) Approves the new County Farms Policy set out at Appendix 1.
- ii) Notes that the future leadership of the County Farms Service will be provided by the interim Assistant Director for Recreation and Natural Environment in CCBS.
- iii) Notes the intention to bring forward an annual performance report for the County Farms Service commencing in 2022.

2. Reasons for the decision:

2.2 The report outlines the policy review process that has been undertaken for the County Farms Service and sets out a proposed new County Farms Policy that looks towards 2050 to continue to attract and support new entrants to farming while delivering high quality environmental, social and economic outcomes for the people and place of Hampshire.

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 Edward Heron
Executive Member for Recreation, Heritage,
Countryside and Rural Affairs.**

19 March 2021

Item 2

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Recreation, Heritage, Countryside and Rural Affairs
Date:	19 March
Title:	Winchester Discovery Centre – Future Strategy
Report From:	Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services

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1. The decision:

1.1 That the Executive Member for Recreation, Heritage, Countryside and Rural Affairs:

- i. Approves plans to proceed with the proposed partnership model, subject to agreement being reached by both parties on final details of the arrangement.
- ii. Approves the commercial principles as set out in paragraph 48 and delegates authority to the Director of CCBS in consultation with the Deputy Chief Executive & Director of Corporate Resources and the Head of Legal Services to conclude the detailed financial agreement in line with the commercial principles.
- iii. Notes the HR implications as set out in paragraphs 57 to 62.
- iv. Authorises any other steps be taken that are reasonably necessary in order to implement the above recommendations.

1.2 That Executive Member notes that the following proposals are due to be considered at a future Executive Member for Commercial Strategy, Human Resources and Performance Decision Day:

- v. The detailed property arrangements by which the operational responsibility for WDC is transferred to HCT (including the nature and duration of tenure).

- vi. The detailed programme of property refurbishment and improvement outlined in paragraphs 63 to 67.
- vii. Proposals to transfer employment of some Hampshire County Council Catering Service ('HC3S') staff to HCT.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. Hampshire Library Service (the Library Service) and Hampshire Cultural Trust (HCT) have been working closely to explore ways to strengthen their existing partnership at Winchester Discovery Centre (WDC).
- 2.2. Following an extensive feasibility study, a new service delivery model is proposed for WDC, whereby HCT assumes full operational responsibility for the building, including all cultural programming. The Library Service will continue to deliver library services, including book and magazine lending, public IT access and safe community space, within an expanded, culturally led venue.
- 2.3. This model builds upon a track record of achievement and partnership work that will enable both organisations to realise financial benefits, increase public access and participation, and secure investment at a time of major financial challenge. It reduces dependency upon local authority funding, whilst maximising income generation and fundraising opportunities.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1 Alternative bids were received and evaluated but were unsuccessful.

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 Edward Heron

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Item 3

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Recreation, Heritage, Countryside and Rural Affairs
Date:	19 March 2021
Title:	Grant Funding to Culture and Community Organisations in Hampshire
Report From:	Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services

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1. The decision:

- 1.1 That the Executive Member for Recreation, Heritage, Countryside and Rural Affairs approves grant funding to culture and community organisations totalling £18,000 in 2020/21.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 1.2 The report considers applications from three community organisations to support transitions to Independent Community Libraries and recommends awards totalling £18,000 in 2020/21.

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:

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Item 4

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Recreation, Heritage, Countryside and Rural Affairs
Date:	19 March 2021
Title:	Rights of Way and Countryside Paths (Covid)
Report From:	Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services

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1. The decision:

1.1 That the Executive Member for Recreation, Heritage, Countryside and Rural Affairs:

- i) Notes the impact of increased use and weather conditions on the rights of way network and paths at country parks and countryside sites across Hampshire.
- ii) Approves the establishment of a £500,000 Path Recovery programme to carry out remedial works to improve the condition of the worst affected rights of way and countryside paths in 2021/22 to be funded from the CCBS accumulated Cost of Change reserve.

2. Reasons for the decision:

2.1. A Path Recovery programme is proposed to address some of the worst affected rights of way and paths across the countryside estate over the next 6 months and approval is sought for £500,000 of CCBS Departmental underspends to be allocated for 2021/22.

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 Edward Heron Executive Member for Recreation, Heritage, Countryside and Rural Affairs	19 March 2021

Item 5

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Recreation, Heritage, Countryside and Rural Affairs
Date:	19 March 2021
Title:	Worthy Down and South Wonston Access Improvements
Report From:	Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services

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1. The decision:

1.1 That the Executive Member for Recreation, Heritage, Countryside and Rural Affairs:

- i) Approves the addition of Worthy Down and South Wonston Access Improvements scheme to the 2021/22 CCBS capital programme at a value of £319,000 funded in full from developer contributions.
- ii) Approves the project appraisal as set out in the report.
- iii) Gives authority to procure and spend and enter into the necessary contractual agreements to implement the scheme at a value of £319,000.

2. Reasons for the decision:

2.1 The Worthy Down and South Wonston Access Improvements scheme will result in a new section of bridleway and an upgrading of an existing footpath to create a high quality off road walking and cycling route and improvements to sections of two existing restricted byways.

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 Edward Heron
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19 March 2021

Item 6

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Recreation, Heritage, Countryside and Rural Affairs
Date:	19 March 2021
Title:	Fly Grazing Policy
Report From:	Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services

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1. The decision:

- 1.1 That the adoption of the fly grazing policy at Appendix 1 is approved.
- 1.2 That the procedures for implementing the policy, provided at Appendix 2, are noted and endorsed.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1 The purpose of this paper is to set out a formal policy for managing fly grazing within the framework of legislation which grants powers to local authorities to detain fly grazed horses.

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:

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