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Executive Decision Records

Please find set out below a number of Executive Decisions taken at the HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL Executive Lead Member for Children's Services Decision Day held remotely on Friday, 17th September, 2021

1. **APPROVAL TO SPEND - NEW PROCUREMENTS**
2. **SAVINGS PROGRAMME TO 2023 - REVENUE SAVINGS PROPOSALS**

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Item 1

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

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| Decision Maker: | Executive Lead Member for Children's Services |
| Date: | 17 September 2021 |
| Title: | Approval to Spend - New Procurements |
| Report From: | Director of Children's Services |

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1. The decision:

1.1. That the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services gives approval to spend for a Care Support for Children with a Disability contract for a total period of six years (four years with two one-year extension options). The total value of the contract is £6,450,000, of which approval is sought for £6,000,000 of Hampshire County Council spend.

2. Reasons for the decision:

2.1 To ensure that the required levels of approval are in place for spend on the above contract once it has been awarded. This ensures compliance with spend thresholds and delegated authority processes.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. Not re-tendering Care Support which would result in a lack of service provision for children and young people with the potential failure to meet statutory duties.

3.2. To not seek appropriate spend approval would be to operate outside of procurement and council standards and regulations.

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 Roz Chadd
Executive Lead Member for Children's Services**

17 September 2021

Item 2

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

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| Decision Maker: | Executive Lead Member for Children's Services |
| Date: | 17 September 2021 |
| Title: | Savings Programme to 2023 – Revenue Savings Proposals |
| Report From: | Director of Children's Services and Director of Corporate Operations |

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services approves the submission of the proposed savings options contained in the report and Appendix 1 to the Cabinet.
- 1.2. That the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services receives an update in due course on the provision proposed for those families directly affected by any proposed closure of Firvale respite home for disabled children, in addition to the proposed formal consultation process that may be undertaken.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. The County Council has been responding to reductions in public spending, designed to close the structural deficit within the economy, since the first reductions to government grants were applied in 2010/11 and then as part of subsequent Comprehensive Spending Reviews.
- 2.2. The County Council undertook an open public consultation called *Serving Hampshire – Balancing the Budget* which ran for six weeks from 7 June to the 18 July 2021.
- 2.3. The consultation was widely promoted to stakeholders and residents and asked for their views on ways the County Council could balance its budget in response to continuing pressures on local government funding, and still deliver core public services.
- 2.4. Following successive programmes, which have delivered over £113m cost reductions since June 2010, the Children's Services department started work in October 2020 to identify potential opportunities for further savings to meet the £21.3m departmental savings target for 1 April 2023.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. A range of savings options for meeting the estimated budget gap were evaluated for viability in preparing this report. The proposals presented in the report were considered to be the best set of options that take into account: relative impact, the views of stakeholders, and the ability to meet the target that was set.

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:

In reaching this decision, I thank the Children and Young People Select Committee for their thorough pre-scrutiny at their meeting on the 17 September 2021, and note their support for the recommendation.

In reaching this decision, I have also taken into consideration the Savings Programme to 2023 – Revenue Savings Proposals presentation which was presented to the Children and Young People Select Committee at their meeting on the 17 September 2021, which highlighted previous years Children’s Services budget figures by way of pie charts. This presentation has been added to my Decision Day agenda as an additional appendix.

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| Approved by: | Date: |
| ----- Councillor Roz Chadd | 17 September 2021 |
| Executive Lead Member for Children’s Services | |