

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
Date:	19 October 2022
Title:	Outcomes from the Consultation on Social Care Provision for Overnight Short Breaks at Firvale Residential Respite Childrens Unit
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 approves the recommendation to permanently close the social care provision at Firvale Residential Respite Unit by 31 March 2023.

2. Reasons for the decision:

2.1. Whilst it is acknowledged that the findings of the public consultation indicated that there was opposition to the permanent closure of Firvale, this must be balanced against the financial pressures that are being faced by the County Council, the investment required in continuing to provide respite services at Firvale, coupled with the high costs and poor value for money offered.

2.2. With the ongoing development of alternative respite provisions that are being offered, the concerns raised in the consultation can be mitigated whilst ensuring that children and young people, and their families receive appropriate meaningful, high-quality, good value-for-money and strengths-based respite support that meets their assessed needs.

2.3. The broad range of alternate respite services available means that the County Council can work with children and young people and their families to meet assessed needs in a way which can be tailored and adapted as their needs evolve over time.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. Investing in improvements to Firvale.

3.2. Building a new purpose-built facility.

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: Not applicable.

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: Not applicable.

7. Statement from the decision maker: Not applicable.

Approved by:

Date:

Councillor Roz Chadd
Executive Lead Member for Children's Services

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