

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Officer Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Director of Children's Services
Date:	17 May 2023
Title:	Library Service Music Sets Change
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1. The decision:

1.1. That the Director of Children's Services approves the recommended changes to the Library Service Music Sets offer to;

- continue with the current self-sufficient model for stock supply of orchestral and choral music sets.
- formally withdraw from reciprocal arrangements for loaning and borrowing music sets with other local authorities.

2. Reasons for the decision:

2.1. During the pandemic library services ceased all reciprocal arrangements for music set lending, due to restrictions. Hampshire Library Service re-opened its Music Set offer ahead of full reciprocal recovery, and therefore did so using a self-sufficient model which provided some positive efficiencies.

2.2. Fees, costs, stock levels and music set user numbers were considered and inefficiencies were identified with the transportation of stock, in and out of county, and the general crossover of stock across authorities.

2.3. It was therefore recommended that the current model provides a good offer and a more efficient model for the service to retain.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. Not applicable.

4. Conflicts of interest:

4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: Not applicable.

4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: Not applicable.

5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel:

5.1. None.

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent:

6.1. Not applicable.

7. Statement from the decision maker:

Approved by:



Date:

17 May 2023

Stuart Ashley
Director of Children's Services