

# HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Countryside and Regulatory Services
<b>Date:</b>	10 July 2023
<b>Title:</b>	Hampshire County Farms Annual Report 2022/23
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Universal Services

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### 1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the contents of this second annual Hampshire County Farms report and newsletter be noted by the Executive Member for Countryside and Regulatory Services.

### 2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. On 19 March 2021, the Executive Member for Recreation, Heritage, Countryside and Rural Affairs approved the County Farms Policy. The decision report proposed the preparation of an annual performance report to monitor policy implementation.
- 2.2. This second annual Hampshire County Farms report sets out progress made in the 2022/23 year. Progress has, once again, been principally centred around selection of the best tenants for new farm lettings, with a further five new entrant farming opportunities marketed this year. Ongoing lettings activity has enabled further improvement to our tenant selection process and has also resulted in significantly improved levels of engagement with the service.
- 2.3. The report includes a newsletter summary of service activities at Appendix 1.

### 3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Not presenting an annual Hampshire County Farms report was considered, and rejected on the basis that the annual report provides valuable monitoring of policy implementation.

### 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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**10 July 2023**

**Executive Member for Countryside and Regulatory  
Services  
Councillor Russell Oppenheimer**