

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
<b>Date:</b>	22 September 2023
<b>Title:</b>	Savings Programme to 2025 – Revenue Savings Proposals
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Children's Services and Director of Corporate Operations

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#### 1. The decision:

1.1. To approve the submission of the proposed savings options contained in Savings Programme to 2025 – Revenue Savings Proposals, to the Cabinet.

#### 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 '*Making the most of your money*', which ran for six weeks between 12 June and 23 July.
- 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 £140m cost reductions since June 2010, the Children's Services department started work in August 2022 to identify potential opportunities for further savings.

#### 3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. A range of savings options were evaluated for viability in preparing this report. The proposals presented in the report are considered to be the best set of options that take into account relative impact, the views of stakeholders and

deliverability.

**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:**

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**Councillor Edward Heron**  
**Executive Lead Member for Children's Services**

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