

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services
Date:	30 November 2023
Title:	Great Hall – Future Management and Operations
Report From:	Director of Hampshire 2050
	(Summary of an Exempt Decision)

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1. The decisions:

The Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services:

- 1.1. Approves in principle a transfer of management and operations of the Great Hall to Hampshire Cultural Trust (the Trust), subject to a detailed business case supporting the transfer and other relevant issues being satisfactorily addressed.
- 1.2. Delegates authority to the Director of Hampshire 2050, in consultation with the Director of Universal Services and Director of Corporate Operations and the Head of Legal Services to:
 - a. approve the detailed business case in consultation with the Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services to ensure other relevant matters identified in this report are satisfactorily addressed within the parameters set out in paragraph 70 of the accompanying exempt Executive Member report.
 - b. approve the property arrangements by which the operational responsibility for the Great Hall is transferred to the Trust (including duration of tenure).
 - c. finalise terms in relation to the transfer and property arrangements and authorise the County Council to enter into all required documentation.

- 1.3. Notes the non-financial considerations and HR implications as set out in paragraphs 37-44 and 50-51 of the accompanying exempt Executive Member report.
- 1.4. Authorises any other steps be taken that are reasonably necessary in order to implement the above recommendations.

2. Reasons for the decisions:

- 2.1. The Great Hall is currently a County Council managed venue. However, the financial challenges that the County Council faces mean that it has been necessary to consider alternative options for the future delivery of non-statutory services including the Great Hall. The preferred model will enable the transfer of the management and operation of the Great Hall to Hampshire Cultural Trust, as set out in the exempt Executive Member report.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. The accompanying exempt Executive Member report includes an Options Appraisal exercise which considers the best model for managing and operating the Great Hall (paragraphs 24 to 45). Options have been considered and assessed to understand the financial and non-financial risks and benefits of each option.

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:

30 November 2023

**Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050
and Corporate Services
Councillor Rob Humby**