

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Officer Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Corporate Operations
Date:	25 March 2024
Title:	Additional Funding to Support Children's Services Directorate Savings Programme 2025 (SP25)
Report From:	Stuart Ashley, Director of Children's Services

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1. The decision:

- 1.1 To approve the spend of up to £2.2m for the employment of internal resources, as laid out in this report, to assist the implementation of the Children's Services Directorate's SP25 proposals. The expenditure is to be funded from the £5m Invest to Save Reserve delegated to the Director of Corporate Operations in consultation with the Leader and Chief Executive, by County Council in November 2023.

2 Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1 Resources are required to assist with the delivery of £11.1m of Children's Services savings for SP25.
- 2.2 On the 9 November 2023 County Council delegated authority was given to the Director of Corporate Operations in consultation with the Leader and Chief Executive to allocate up to £5m from the Invest to Save Reserve to support Directorates in implementing their SP25 proposals.
- 2.3 As part of this delegation the Leader and Chief Executive have been specifically consulted on the proposed use of the £2.2m from the Invest to Save Reserve as set out in the Decision Report and have given their approval.

3 Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1 Use of current internal resource. This option was rejected as no capacity within existing resource.

4 Conflicts of interest:

- 4.1 Conflict of interest declared by an Executive Member who is consulted by the officer which relates to the decision - None

5. Dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service: None

5 Supporting information: Report

Approved by:



Date:

25 March 2024

Rob Carr
Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Corporate
Operations