HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Officer Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Steve Clow
Date:	30 September 2020
Title:	Approval to Spend – Capital expenditure at Itchen Farm Compton and South Stoke Farm Kings Worthy

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1. The decision (PROPOSED):

- 1.1. That project funding of £212,250 for provision of slurry storage equipment at South Stoke Farm, Kings Worthy, be approved for expenditure.
- 1.2. That project funding of £65,000 for relocation of 2 no. agricultural buildings to Itchen farm, Compton, be approved for expenditure.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. The projects will ensure compliant use of the County Council's property assets.
- 2.2. The projects are in line with County Farms policy.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. Not applicable.

4. Conflicts of interest:

4.1. None.

5. Dispensation granted by Head of Paid Service:

5.1. None.

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

- 6.1. To facilitate Nitrate Vulnerable Zone (NVZ) and slurry handling compliance at South Stoke Farm.
- 6.2. To enable the re-use at Itchen Farm of otherwise redundant buildings.

7. Supporting information:

- 7.1. South Stoke Farm has insufficient on-farm slurry storage. NVZ and slurry handling compliance is mandatory and operationally critical, particularly on dairy farms such as this holding. The proposal will enable better compliance. The total cost of the project is £212,250.
- 7.2. Itchen Farm is a livestock farm which currently lacks sufficient general purpose buildings. There is an opportunity to relocate 2 no. agricultural buildings from Upper Cufaude Farm, Basingstoke, to Itchen Farm Compton. The Landlord's contribution to the proposal is up to £65,000.
- 7.3. The attached briefing papers set out details of the proposed projects.

Approved by: Date: 02 October 2020 uRCINS

Steve Clow Assistant Director – Property Services

On behalf of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services