

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Commercial Strategy, Estates and Property
Date:	Winchester Discovery Centre
Title:	20 July 2021
Report From:	Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services

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1. The decision:

- 1.1 That the Executive Member gives approval to the project proposals set out in this report at a total cost of £515,000.
- 1.2 That the Executive Member approve the property arrangements by which the operational responsibility for WDC is transferred to Hampshire Cultural Trust (HCT) (including the nature and duration of tenure).
- 1.3 That the Executive Member approves the proposals contained in the exempt Appendix.

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

- 2.1 This project will transfer operational responsibility for the WDC building (including associated day-to-day running costs) and for cultural programming to HCT. The Library Service will continue to deliver a highly successful library service, free at the point of access, within WDC.

- 2.2 Hampshire County Council and Hampshire Cultural Trust are developing a new partnership model which will enhance and develop Winchester Discovery Centre's position as a strategically important hub for culture and creativity in Hampshire. The overall strategy has been agreed by the Executive Member for Recreation, Heritage and Rural Affairs.
- 2.3 This report sets out proposals to refurbish elements of WDC, including essential maintenance work, interior refurbishment and spatial reorganisation to enable the future strategy to be realised.
- 2.4 The HCC element of the project is to be funded from the CCBS Capital Programme 2021/22 and was approved by the County Council in February 2021 at a value of £500,000 with a further £15,000 allocated from CCBS Cost of Change funding.
- 2.5 In addition to the refurbishment project, the proposals include the transfer of operational responsibility for the building (including associated day-to-day running costs) and for cultural programming to HCT. The Library Service will continue to deliver a highly successful library offer, free at the point of access, within WDC.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1 None

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:

20 July 2021

**Councillor Steve Forster
Executive Member for Commercial Strategy, Estates
and Property**