

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
Date:	23 September 2021
Title:	Savings Programme to 2023 – Revenue Savings Proposals
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- 1.1 To approve the submission of the proposed savings options contained in this report and Appendix 1 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 *Serving Hampshire – Balancing the Budget* which ran for six weeks between 7 June and 18 July. 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.
- 2.3. Following successive programmes which have delivered over £69.1m cost reductions since June 2010 the Economy, Transport & Environment department started work in autumn 2020 to identify potential opportunities for further savings to meet the £10.266m departmental savings target for 1 April 2023.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. A range of savings options for meeting the estimated budget gap were evaluated for viability in preparing this report. The proposals presented in the report were considered to be the best set of options taking into account: relative impact, the views of stakeholders, and the ability to meet the target that was set in terms of the level of savings and the required timetable for securing the savings.

4. Conflicts of interest:

4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker:

4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted:

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:

I thank the Select Committee for considering the proposals and supporting the recommendations

Approved by:

Date:

23 September 2021

**Executive Lead Member for Economy, Transport, and
Environment
Cllr Rob Humby**