

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Recreation, Heritage and Rural Affairs
<b>Date:</b>	20 September 2021
<b>Title:</b>	Savings Programme to 2023 – Revenue Savings Proposals
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services and Director of Corporate Operations

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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. Single year Spending Reviews were undertaken for 2020 and 2021.
- 2.2 The County Council undertook an open public consultation called Serving Hampshire – Balancing the Budget which ran for six weeks between 7 June – 18 July 2021. 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.
- 2.1 The Culture, Communities and Business Services department has identified potential opportunities for further savings to meet its £3.361m departmental Savings Programme to 2023 (SP2023) target-for 1 April 2023. Of this, £2.591m relates to savings from Recreation, Heritage and Rural Affairs.

#### 3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1 A range of options for meeting the required savings were evaluated for viability in preparing this report. The proposals presented in the report were considered to be the best set of options that take into account: relative impact, the views of stakeholders, and the ability to meet the savings target.

**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:**

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**Councillor Edward Heron  
Executive Member for Recreation, Heritage and Rural  
Affairs**

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