

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Adult Services and Public Health
Date:	16 November 2021
Title:	Public Health: Outcome of the Transformation to 2021 Public Consultation
Report From:	Director of Public Health

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1. The decision:

1.1. That the Executive Member for Adult Services and Public Health approves savings from Public Health Services as set out in this report.

For substance misuse:

- Maintain a service in Winchester and continue to work to find a more cost-effective venue to secure a saving of £60,000.

For stop smoking services:

- Reduce unsupported prescribing for reasons described in this report to secure savings of £168,000.

For sexual health services:

- Stop the duplicated HIV and syphilis self-sampling service for reasons described in this report to secure a saving of £8,000.

1.2 That the Executive Member for Adult Services and Public Health notes the following:

- Robust monitoring of the impact of any change will be established so that commissioners and providers can respond with any appropriate mitigation as required.
- Continue to identify service transformation opportunities.

2. Reasons for the decision:

2.1. In November 2019, the County Council set a savings target of £6.802m for Public Health as part of its Transformation to 2021 (Tt2021) Programme.

2.2. An 8-week public consultation was conducted from 14 June to 9 August 2021 which contained detailed proposals to save £3.05m from substance misuse, stop smoking, sexual health, and 0-19 services respectively.

- 2.3. Hampshire Public Health is funded by a ring-fenced grant, the terms and conditions of which require that the budget is spent on delivering core responsibilities and improving the health of Hampshire residents. In order to achieve T21 savings from the Public Health ring fenced budget, the savings needed to be allocated to alternative council services which deliver Public Health outcomes.
- 2.4. Feedback from Public Health England and a subsequent review of the appropriate spend of the ring-fenced grant identified that only £3.128m of proposed savings could be allocated to existing Hampshire County Council spend.
- 2.5. As a result, Full Council approved the reduced savings target of £3.128m on 4 November.
- 2.6. The saving of £236,000 arising from the items that were part of the consultation (£3.05m) are not required to meet the amended savings target, so this funding would be retained within the Public Health function to support, through reinvestment, further transformation in priority Public Health programmes.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. To continue to deliver savings totalling £6.802m – this option was rejected as only £3.128m of proposed savings could be reallocated to existing Hampshire County Council spend.
- 3.2. Not to proceed to deliver the proposed £236,000 saving – this was rejected as the funding could provide improved value for money by supporting transformation of priority Public Health outcomes.

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: **N/A**

5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: N/A

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

7. Statement from the decision maker:

Approved by:

Date:

Councillor Liz Fairhurst
Executive Member for Adult Services and Public
Health

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