

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Cabinet
Date:	12 October 2021
Title:	Medium Term Financial Strategy Update and Savings Programme to 2023 Savings Proposals
Report From:	Chief Finance Officer and Director of Corporate Operations

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1. The decision:

That Cabinet

- 1.1. Notes the latest position in respect of the financial resilience monitoring for the current financial year.
- 1.2. Confirms the current planning assumption that council tax and the social care precept will increase by the maximum permissible without a referendum, in line with government policy, will continue.
- 1.3. Approves the recommended approach to dealing with the anticipated £80m budget deficit, as set out in paragraphs 185 to 187.
- 1.4. Approves, subject to further consultation and executive decision making where necessary, the savings proposals in Appendix 3; after taking due regard of the consultation feedback and Equality Impact Assessments.
- 1.5. Approves further service specific consultations, where necessary, on the savings proposals set out in Appendix 3, prior to final decisions being made by Executive Members.
- 1.6. Restates and reinforces the requirement that should any savings proposal be rejected that alternative options to the same value will need to be developed by the appropriate department.
- 1.7. Notes the requirement for further essential health and safety and maintenance works within the older persons residential portfolio and the initial plan to prioritise a programme of full asset management plan surveys at a cost of £120,000 to be funded from the AHC cost of change reserve.
- 1.8. Notes the revised Commercial Strategy at Appendix 10 which includes an analysis of the Council's income generation.
- 1.9. **Recommends to County Council that:**

- a) The mid-year report on treasury management activity at Appendix 2 be approved.
- b) The savings proposals in Appendix 3 be approved, subject to further consultation and executive decision making where necessary.
- c) Recurring funding of £7m is approved from 2022/23 to provide additional resources for the overall Highways Maintenance budget, with the flexibility for the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment to allocate this between Operation Resilience and the reactive maintenance budget as required.
- d) Investment of £1.7m in 2021/22, £2.4m in 2022/23 and £3.2m per year from 2023/24 onwards in Children's Intensive Workers be approved, to be met from existing corporate growth funding allocations for Children Looked After.
- e) Capital investment of up to £22m is added to the capital programme in respect of younger adults extra care and the Woodcot Lodge discharge to assess facility to be funded by prudential borrowing with repayments accounted for within the proposed saving.
- f) Capital investment of £786,000 is added to the capital programme in respect of improvement works to the Formal Meeting Chamber, to be funded from cost of change reserves.

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

- 2.1. To consider the overall financial strategy for dealing with the budget gap to 2023/24 in light of the various options available to the County Council and to receive the high level outcomes from the public consultation exercise on balancing the budget.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. None.

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:

Approved by:

Date:

12 October 2021

**Chairman of Cabinet
Councillor Keith Mans**