

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Cabinet
Date:	27 September 2010
Title:	Duty to respond to petitions
Reference:	2087
Report From:	Chief Executive

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1. The decision:

1.1 That the Cabinet:

- a) agreed the petition scheme and management arrangements detailed within sections 2 to 5 of the supporting report;
- b) requested that the scheme and associated reporting mechanisms be reviewed by a small Panel of Members in six months time; and
- c) requested that any proposed adjustments to the scheme be presented to Cabinet at the first available meeting after the Members Panel has met.

1.2. That, prior to approval by Council, the terms of the draft scheme be applied to any petition received.

1.3. That approval be given to proceed with the procurement of an e-petitions facility at an estimated cost of £11,000 over four years.

1.4. That this matter be dealt with more fully as part of the Review of the Constitution

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

2.1. The County Council has always received petitions on matters that concern residents. From 15 June the County Council has been required by legislation to implement and manage a formal petitions scheme.

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 Standards Committee: none.

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by:

Date:

27 September 2010

**Chairman of Cabinet
Councillor T K Thornber, CBE**