

1. Significant partnership activity in 2009/10

- 1.1. The corporate policy on partnership working emphasises the County Council's commitment to work in partnership to achieve the best public services at the best possible value for the people of Hampshire.
- 1.2. As outlined in the Local Government Act 2000, the County Council has a duty to promote and support partnership working as part of its community leadership role. This means having a responsibility for setting a clear direction for the performance of partnerships themselves in achieving outcomes for the community as well as a responsibility for its own role and performance within the partnership.
- 1.3. This appendix reports on partnership activity in 2009/10 for partnerships with an annual turnover in excess of £250,000 and where there are no alternative member reporting arrangements. It includes:

		Gross Exp	Gross income	Net (Income)/ Exp
		£000	£000	£000
Section	Adult Services:			
2	Integrated Community Equipment Service	3,536	(3,536)	0
3	Section 75 agreement: Hampshire Partnership Trust integrated mental health and substance misuse services	828	(975)	(147)
	Children's Services			
4	Hampshire CAMHS Commissioning Partnership (formerly known as Hampshire Children's Trust) – agreement in line with Section 75 of the NHS Act 2006	9,380	(9,450)	(70)

		Gross Exp	Gross income	Net (Income)/ Exp
		£000	£000	£000
	Environment			
5	Safer Roads Partnership	2,782	(2,622)	160
6	Life 3	0	0	0
7	ESPACE	250	250	0
	Policy and Resources			
8	Hampshire and Isle of Wight Improvement and Efficiency Programme	623	(147)	476
9	South East England Development Agency – Rural Programmes	0	(2,933)	(2,933)
	Culture, Communities and Rural Affairs			
10	The South East Hub	2,136	(2,136)	0

Adult Services

2. Integrated Community Equipment Service

Objectives

- 2.1. The Integrated Community Equipment Services (ICES) supports the three corporate priorities; Hampshire safer and more secure for all, Maximising well-being & Enhancing our quality of place. It does so through the timely provision of equipment to disabled adults and children as well as frail and elderly citizens. The range of equipment purchased and stocked is essential to enable people to remain within their own homes or within a community based setting. Almost all of the equipment provided is decontaminated, re-used and re-issued. It promotes independence and wellbeing and is central to safe and timely hospital discharges. The service prevents hospital, residential or nursing home admissions by minimising

the risks of falls, immobility and breakdown of formal or informal care arrangements. Table 1 summarises the overall cost of the service and the partnership funding arrangements.

2.2.

Table 1 – Total Costs and Funding for 2009/10

2008/09		2009/10
£000s	COSTS:	£000s
1,635	Running Costs	1,882
2,447	Purchase of Equipment & Adaptations	1,654
4,082	Total Costs	3,536
900,000	Population served	900,000
£4.54	Cost/head of population	£3.93
£000s	FUNDED BY:	£000s
2,396	Hampshire County Council	1,649
1,686	Hampshire PCT	1,887
4,082	Total Funding	3,536

- 2.3. For 2009/10 actual costs matched the budget. However, the budget was increased to reflect agreed additional investment by Hampshire County Council and Hampshire Primary Care Trust to meet the continued rise in demand for equipment in line with the Personalisation agenda. This increase, however, was lower than that agreed for 2008/09.

Partnership Working

- 2.4. Considerable progress in partnership working has been made in the current financial year between the Hampshire PCT and Hampshire Adult Services and Hampshire Children's Services:
- 2.5. A Partnership Agreement has been prepared in accordance with Section 75 of the National Health Service Act 2006. This agreement has been endorsed by the Executive Member for Adult Social Care and is awaiting formal sign off by the Primary Care Trust.

Financial Monitoring

- 2.6. Periodic financial reports were considered by the Partners and appropriate action was taken. Financial monitoring was also undertaken by the partners separately through their normal budget monitoring arrangements.

Performance against objectives

- 2.7. The key external performance indicator for ICES is D54 – Percentage of items of equipment and adaptations delivered in 7 working days (BVPI 56). Against this measure for 2009/10 performance improved over the previous year and over target. The Performance Plan for this indicator for 2009/10 was 95% (2008/09 94.1%) and the service achieved 95.5% (2008/09 95%). This performance was achieved despite an 11% increase in the amount of equipment provided.

Value for Money assessment

- 2.8. The economies of scale in terms of purchasing power, logistics and management arrangements have been well-established both locally and nationally. The continuing benefits of the single store are:
- Best value in terms of staffing and overheads through the development of the new service model.
 - Consistent service delivery and implementation of policy.
 - A Hampshire wide service specification, agreed by both Hampshire County Council and Hampshire PCT.
 - Consistency of monitoring arrangements and performance data.
 - Reduced risk through not being dependant on the priorities of other local authority and PCT providers.

Reporting Arrangements

- 2.9. The Board consists of representatives from Hampshire County Council Adult Services Department, Hampshire County Council Children's Services Department and Hampshire PCT and is supported by a Hampshire County Treasurer's representative.
- 2.10. The future reporting arrangements are ongoing in accordance with the Section 75 agreement.
- 2.11. Note the Hampshire County Council representative is Martin Garbett, Deputy Operations Director. Contact at martin.garbett@hants.gov.uk

3. **Section 75 agreement (formerly Section 31 Agreement): Mid Hampshire mental health service reprovion**

Objectives

- 3.1. The Mid Hampshire mental health service reprovion pooled budget was established in accordance with Section 31 of the Health Act 1999 and commenced on 1 October 2006. Its objective is to jointly commission modern health and social care mental health resources that meets the needs of adults with severe mental health problems and promote their independence. The partner bodies are Hampshire PCT and Hampshire County Council.

Table 2 - Summary financial statement for 2009/10

2008/09		2009/10	
£000		£000	£000
785	Gross expenditure		828
	Funded by:		
64	Hampshire County Council	70	
722	Hampshire PCT	792	
112	Carry forward from 2008/09 surplus	113	
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898	Total funding		975
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113	Surplus carried forward to 2010/11		147
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Performance and reporting arrangements

- 3.2. The partnership board terms of reference have been completed and have been set out in schedule 5 of the Section 31 agreement. Day to day management arrangements through project management pathway are also set out in the Section 75 agreement. The Hampshire County Council lead representative is Neil Dhruv, Strategic Commissioning Director Mental Health. Contact at neil.dhruv@hants.gov.uk.

Children's services

4. Hampshire CAMHS Commissioning Partnership – Section 75, NHS Act 2006

Objectives

- 4.1. The Hampshire CAMHS Commissioning Partnership focuses on Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) and covers services in Hampshire aiming to promote and restore the emotional well-being of children and young people. The partnership includes Hampshire County Council's Children's Services Department, Hampshire Primary Care Trust and other organisations who provide support for children and young people with emotional, social, and mental health needs. This is a formal partnership agreement with pooled development budgets between Children's Services and Hampshire PCT established under section 75 of the National Health Service Act 2006.
- 4.2. In 2009/10, the PCT transferred additional services into the pool and consequently increased their contribution significantly.

Table 3 - Summary of financial statement for 2009/10

2008/09		2009/10	
£000		£000	£000
3,118	Gross expenditure 2009/10 funding:		9,380
1,783	Hampshire County Council	1,710	
1,024	Hampshire PCT	7,422	
822	Carry forward from 2008/09 surplus	446	
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3,629	Total Funding		9,578
65	Surplus repaid to partners	128	
446	Surplus carried forward to 2010/11	70	
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511	Total surplus		198
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- 4.3. Further information can be found on the Hampshire CAMHS Commissioning Partnership website (see links below):

<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/childrens-services/childrenandyoungpeople/mentalhealth/camhs.htm>

Environment

5. Safer Roads Partnership

Objectives

- 5.1. Hampshire Safer Roads Partnership aims to improve road safety by using a Road Safety Grant to fund the installation and running of safety cameras, together with a programme of Education and Publicity.
- 5.2. What originally was The Safety Camera Partnership up until April 2007 was changed to become Safer Roads Partnership, with new arrangements for funding. Funding partners contribute their receipts from the Local Transport Plan (LTP) Road Safety Grant to Hampshire County Council to finance the project. The Partnership includes seven partners:
- Hampshire County Council
 - Magistrates Court Committee
 - Southampton City Council
 - Portsmouth City Council
 - Isle of Wight Council
 - Hampshire Police Authority
 - Hampshire Fire and Rescue.
- 5.3. Further financing for the project will be obtained from fines collected accordance with the in Driver Awareness Courses.

Table 4 – Safer Roads Partnership summary financial statement for 2009/10

2008/09		2009/10	
£000		£000	£000
2,877	Expenditure		2,782
3,295	Income	2,622	
592	Carry forward balance from 2008/09	1,010	
<hr/> 3,887	Total funding	<hr/>	3,632
1,010	Closing balance 31 March 2010		<hr/> 850
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- 5.4. Income received from LTP via funding partners in the year was £1,960,000. Contributions for 2009/10 were set at a lower level than 2008/09 (£2,559,292) as there was a large brought forward balance on the fund. Interest of £5,876 was earned on this account in the year compared to £49,105 in 2008/09, reflecting lower interest rates throughout 2009/10. A sum of £606,086 was received from Driver Awareness Courses. The Highways Agency made a contribution of £50,000 to fund the Bike Safe programme.
- 5.5. Expenditure on the account from 1 April 2009 to March 2010 totalled £2,781,949
- 5.6. The balance on the account of £850,239 includes £159,000 received from Highways Agency to be used to help an asset replacement programme. The Executive Board has approved a 5 year strategy to manage the future funding of the partnership.

Performance and reporting arrangements

- 5.7. The Partnership is governed by a protocol and financial procedures approved by the Partnership Steering Group, which also receives quarterly and annual reports on the performance of the partnership. All financial claims are subject to audit. Further details can be found on the Safer Roads website: <http://www.saferroadspartnership.co.uk/>

6. Life 3

- 6.1. The objective of the Life 3 project was to restore 604ha of wetland habitat in the New Forest candidate Special Area of Conservation, and ensure their future sustainable management and regeneration. The project began 1 July 2002 and ran for four and a half years until 31 December 2006. The project total expenditure was €3,793,832.
- 6.2. There were no transactions in 2009/10. The Accounts need to remain open for a further three years in accordance with the audit regulations where the balance of £47,714 will remain and accumulate further interest. After three years, the final balance will be distributed among the partners.
- 6.3. The final claim was independently audited before submission to the EU, along with the detailed technical report showing how the project objectives have been achieved. Further details can be found on the Life 3 website: <http://www.newforestlife.org.uk/life3/life3index.htm>

7. ESPACE

- 7.1. ESPACE (European Spatial Planning: Adapting to Climate Events) was an ambitious European project that aimed to prepare for the impact of climate change and develop solutions. It also underlined the need to adapt to climate change at local, regional, national and European levels. The project commenced in September 2003 and ran for five years until 2008. The total project budget was originally €4.75 million, approximately £3.2 million. This was later extended to €5.13 (approximately £3.6 million).

- 7.2. The final claims for funding from the INTTEREG were paid in 2009/10. The Accounts need to remain open for a further four years in accordance with the audit regulations.

Table 5 - ESPACE summary financial statement for 2009/10

2008/09	2009/10
£000	£000
0 Expenditure	205
0 Income	205
<hr/> 0 Closing balance 31 March 2010 <hr/>	<hr/> 0 <hr/>

- 7.3. Further details can be found on the ESPACE website:

<http://www.espace-project.org/>

Policy and Resources

8. Hampshire and Isle of Wight (HIOW) Improvement and Efficiency programme

Objective

- 8.1. The HIOW Improvement Board was established by the HIOW Local Government Association (LGA) in 2006 to champion the transformational services agenda throughout Hampshire and the Isle of Wight and oversee the implementation of the Capacity Building Programme to achieve sustainable service improvement. This is to be achieved through developing further joint working between authorities and by building on the work previously undertaken by the Efficiency and HR Collaboration groups.

Funding

- 8.2. Originally, a successful bid for Capacity Building Programme funding under the Regional Improvement Strategy for Local Government in the South East provided £1.3 million for the period 2006 – 2008. This has been supplemented by £0.8 million during 2008/09 and £0.1 million during 2009/10 from the South East Regional Improvement & Efficiency Partnership (RIEP).
- 8.3. The cash fund is managed by Hampshire County Council. Interest earned on the cash balance is paid to the fund and the cost of financial administration is charged to the fund. For 2009/10 interest of £2,790 and costs of £6,420 were charged to the fund. The County Council provides staffing support for a number of the projects in addition to being lead authority for five. These relate to:

- Shared Services

- Hampshire Senate
- Learning and Development Portal
- Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH)
- Regional Recruitment Portal – complete.

Table 6 – HIOW Improvement and Efficiency programme summary financial statement as at 31 March 2010

2008/09		2009/10	
£000		£000	£000
727	Expenditure		623
826	Income	147	
800	Carry forward balance from 2008/09	899	
1626	Total funding	<hr/>	1,046
<hr/>	899 Closing balance 31 March 2010		<hr/> 423

Performance and reporting arrangements

8.4. During 2009, in order to both strengthen and streamline member decision making processes, the functions of the Improvement Board were taken over by the full HIOWLA Leaders meetings. These meetings receive reports from the three lead Chief Executives, of Hart, Winchester and Gosport on behalf of the Chief Executives group.

9. South East England Development Agency – Rural Programmes

Objective

- 9.1. The two rural programmes - Small Rural Town (SRT) and Rural Access to Services (RASP) - were introduced to provide much needed support for rural towns recognising the important role they play in sustaining rural communities.
- 9.2. SEEDA have provided a total of £10m of grant funding to support projects which benefit rural communities in various ways such as:
- Creation/safeguarding of employment and business development.
 - Access to vital services including post offices, local shops etc.
 - Development of infrastructure (e.g. historical assets) to boost tourism and encourage visitors from outside the town.

- 9.3. The programmes are devolved to partnerships across the South East consisting of the eight County Councils:

Hampshire County Council

Kent County Council

West Sussex County Council

East Sussex County Council

Oxfordshire County Council

Surrey County Council

Buckinghamshire County Council

Isle of Wight Council

Funding

- 9.4. The grant funding is provided by SEEDA but it is a condition that each project should attract match funding, from either the private or public sector, up to or above the value of the grant (apart from some of the very small RASP projects). The programmes have two years left to run with a total of £2.9m remaining of the original £10m allocation.
- 9.5. Hampshire County Council have entered into a contract with SEEDA to administer the back office functions (i.e. financial management) for the remainder of the programmes. Under this arrangement SEEDA has paid over the balance of £2.9m to Hampshire County Council, who will in turn, make payments to each of the nine partnerships in line with SEEDA's contractual obligations.

Financial Statements

- 9.6. There are no financial statements for 2009/10 as the arrangement is from 2010/11 onwards. However, as at 31/03/10 the following balances had been paid to Hampshire County Council:

SRT: £1,733,000

RASP: £1,200,000

Performance and Reporting

- 9.7. Hampshire County Council will report to SEEDA quarterly, on both the financial management of the programmes and the project outputs. The programmes are subject to audit by both SEEDA and also the Audit Commission (as auditors for each accountable body).

http://www.seeda.org.uk/Sustainable_Prosperty/Rural_Issues/Small_Rural_Towns/

Culture, Communities and Rural Affairs

10. Renaissance in the Regions – The South East Hub

10.1. In previous years, Renaissance in the Regions was included as a partnership as the County Council managed the overall financial position on behalf of the South East region. This involved claiming Renaissance funding on behalf of partner organisations and then forwarding this to the partners when payment had been received. The County Council no longer performs this role, as the other agencies now all claim their own funding direct. For 2009/10, Hampshire received funding of £2.1million that is included in Culture, Communities and Rural Affairs cash limited budget.

10.2. Links:

Renaissance South East website: <http://www.museumse.org.uk/>

MLA Renaissance website:

<http://www.mla.gov.uk/what/programmes/renaissance>