

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
<b>Date of Decision:</b>	14 April 2010
<b>Decision Title:</b>	County Farms Review Report
<b>Decision Reference:</b>	303
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Property, Business and Regulatory Services

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#### 1. The decision:

- a) That the outcome of the County farms Review be supported, and the policies and procedures set out in the report be adopted as the basis for managing the County Farms Estates for the next 15 years, with five-year interim reviews.
- b) That the Director Property, Business and Regulatory Services (Strategic Manager – Assets and Development) be authorised to settle the detailed terms and conditions.

#### 2. Reason(s) for the decision:

- 2.1. This report concerns the outcome of the County Farms Review, and contains proposals for a new set of policies and procedures to guide the management of the County Farm Estate over the next 15 years. The proposals result from work undertaken following a lengthy period of consultation with County Council and external stakeholders and other interested parties.
- 2.2. The report sets out the background to the existing County Farm Estate, and explains how the new proposals have been developed.

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

- 3.1. Not to conduct a Review of the County Farms. This was discounted as it has been many years since the Estate policies were last reviewed, and there have been substantial changes in farming and food production in the intervening period, such that a Review was considered overdue.

**4. Conflicts of interest:**

4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: *None/Yes*

4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted:  
*None/Yes*

**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:**

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**14 April 2010**

**Executive Member for Policy and Resources  
Councillor T K Thornber, CBE**