

**HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL****Executive Decision Record**

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Cabinet
<b>Date:</b>	22 December 2010
<b>Title:</b>	Funding for Infrastructure Implications of Recent Government Announcements
<b>Reference:</b>	2394
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Environment

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**1. The decision:**

- 1.1. That the County Council write to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government reminding him of the statutory duties which, despite the emerging localism agenda, still fall to upper tier authorities and of the need for those authorities to be able to raise the necessary funding to deliver those statutory duties.
- 1.2. That authority be delegated to The Leader to approve the County Council response to the New Homes Bonus Consultation Paper, on the basis of the commenting in Section 2 of the report.
- 1.3. That approval be given for the development of a co-ordinated campaign to highlight the implications of recent Government policy announcements for the timely provision of adequate infrastructure to ensure that new development produces sustainable communities, and not housing estates with no facilities or infrastructure
- 1.4. That in order to secure a proper strategic framework with appropriate democratic accountability, to guide the planning and delivery of strategic infrastructure and development, the County Council also campaigns for the creation of a strategic planning role at County level within the proposed reforms to the planning system in England.

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

- 2.1. To ensure that the Government is aware of the likely implications of the proposals and to highlight areas of concern.

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

3.1. Not responding to the consultation. Given the measures being considered by the Government and the likely implications for the County Council, and for the future of Hampshire this was not considered to be appropriate.

**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:**

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**22 December 2010**

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