

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Cabinet
<b>Date:</b>	22 December 2010
<b>Title:</b>	Hampshire Action Teams (HATs): Community Budgets and Procedures for Authorisation of Expenditure
<b>Reference:</b>	2392
<b>Report From:</b>	Chief Executive

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#### 1. The decision:

- 1.1. That for all HAT project funding requests, the process to be undertaken by each HAT is to reach a majority agreement of those Members present at a meeting and eligible to vote providing those present represent 60% of the total membership of each HAT; and
- 1.2 That when required and to facilitate timely agreement of a project funding request being put forward, an e-process can be undertaken for which agreement will be a simple majority of the total membership of each HAT.

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

- 2.1. To provide more flexibility with the voting procedure to ensure that project applications for funding from the HATs community budget can be considered and a recommendation to the relevant Executive Member agreed as soon as possible.

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

- 3.1. Not to revise the original voting procedure. However in light of operational experience, which had highlighted that the procedure was proving to be a little too rigid (see 3.2 below), this option was rejected.
- 3.2. One of the key aims of the HATs when they were re-established in November 2009 was to focus on 'action' rather than 'holding meetings'. The revision to the procedure supports this aim by making provision to reach a majority agreement of those Members present and eligible to vote providing those present represent 60% of the total membership of each HAT rather than requiring the total membership of each HAT to be present. In addition, an e-

voting facility is also available for those instances when a meeting of a HAT is not imminent

**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.

**Approved by:**

**Date:**

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**22 December 2010**

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