

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Cabinet
Date:	25 October 2010
Title:	Revision of Contract Standing Orders
Reference:	2217
Report From:	Chief Executive and County Treasurer

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1. The decision:

- a) That the revised Contract Standing Orders be commended to Council for adoption.

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

- 2.1. Local government legislation requires the Council to make standing orders with respect to contracts. Further, the Council is a contracting authority for the purposes of the EU Public Procurement Directives, and is thereby legally bound to comply with certain practices and procedures in the award of Contracts.
- 2.2. A review of CSOs has been undertaken, to ensure that these reflect developments in law and practice, and remain fit for present and future business needs.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. The approach has been to make minimum changes to the current CSOs to provide clarity and to reflect changes in law and practice. It has been decided not to recommend changes in authorisation levels or thresholds, which were last revised in 2007 and since when there has been little inflation.

4. Conflicts of interest:

- 4.1. None

5. Dispensation granted by the Standards Committee:

- 5.1. None

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent:

6.1. not applicable.

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by:

Date:

25 October 2010

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