

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
Date:	28 January 2010
Title:	Educational Attainment in Hampshire, 2010: Results and Future Priorities
Reference:	2393
Report From:	Director of Children's Services

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1. The decision:
 - 1.1 That the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services notes the assessment, test and examination results for 2010 and endorses the priorities that stem from them as listed in paragraph 11.1. of the main report.
 - 1.2 That the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services recommends this paper for consideration by the Cabinet of Hampshire County Council.
 - 1.3 That the Executive Lead Member for Children's services supports the distribution of this paper to schools, colleges and settings in Hampshire in order to alert them to the summary outcomes from 2010 tests and examinations and the future priorities which arise from them.
 - 1.4 That the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services notes the potential changes which the White Paper, "The Importance of Teaching," will bring and supports the School Improvement Service in undertaking the necessary planning in order to scope the potential impact of these changes on the service.
2. Reason(s) for the decision:
 - 2.1 The report attempts to set out, in detail, information concerning school and student performance at all three statutory educational phases and to provide the necessary information for the Executive Lead Member to

consider how these may be judged against Children's Services priorities for all children and for the most vulnerable.

- 2.2 It also sets out the action needed by schools, by the local authority school improvement service and by relevant partners to ensure greater participation and further improvement. The report also considers the likely changes to assessment in the light of the recent White Paper, "The Importance of Teaching," and the possible impact upon school improvement priorities.
- 2.3 The Executive Lead Member is asked to support the key priorities of the Local Authority School Improvement Service as outlined in the report. These priorities arise from the test and examination results which are analysed by phase.
- 3. Other options considered and rejected:
 - 3.1 The alternative to a proportionate and specific focus on identified areas of school improvement would be to provide generic support for all schools on a traded basis. With the current policy direction of facilitating school-to-school support alongside LA intervention to address underperformance, the differentiated approach outlined within this report would be the preferred method of engaging with schools, regardless of their status.
- 4. Conflicts of interest: 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: 28 January 2011
Executive Lead Member for Children's Services Councillor R Perry	