

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

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
<b>Date:</b>	28 January 2011
<b>Title:</b>	Changes to the in-house provision of Residential Children's Homes
<b>Reference:</b>	2336
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Children's Services

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**1. The decision:**

- a) That Crossways Children's Home is closed on 15 April 2011 subject to the children being placed elsewhere in line with their care plans (Time lines attached – Appendix 1.)
- b) That Godbey House's Statement of Purpose be reviewed to provide care for older young people than presently stated.
- c) That estimated savings arising from the closure of Crossways Children's Home be retained within the Department to support the overall budget pressures for children looked after.
- d) That approval be sought from the Executive Member for Policy and Resources that 100% of the capital receipt to be used to support the wider residential children's home capital investment strategy.

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

- 2.1. To implement the Commissioning Plan arising from the Commissioning Strategy: Children in and on the edge of Care.
- 2.2. That children under the age of 12 are best cared for within a family environment.

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

- 3.1. Godbey House which presently also provides for children under the age of 12 was considered for closure but this is the only residential children's home in the south of the county; whereas the north of the county is well provided for.

**4. Conflicts of interest:**

4.1. None

4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker:

4.3. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted:

**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:**

<b>Approved by:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
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<b>Executive Lead Member for Children’s Services Councillor R Perry</b>	