

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
Date:	9 March 2011
Title:	Fees and Allowances in Respect of Children Supported in Adoption, Residence and Special Guardianship Arrangements, Kinship Placements, Foster Care and Family Link for 2011/12
Reference:	2627
Report From:	Director of Children's Services

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1. The decision:

1.1. That the Executive Lead Member for Children Services approves the following changes to allowances and fees and associated expenses with effect from 3 April 2011 (the first payment week in April 2011):

- i. increase Fostering Allowances to match Fostering Network Recommended Rates (paragraph 3.2 and Appendix C, Table 1)
- ii. increase Scheme Two and Three Adoption Allowances by 2.5% (paragraph 3.13 and Appendix C, Table 2), and Scheme Four Adoption Allowances to two thirds of National Minimum Fostering Allowance rates (paragraph 3.12 and Appendix C, Table 3)
- iii. increase Scheme Two and Three Residence Order Allowances by 2.5% (Appendix C, Table 2) and Scheme Four Adoption Allowances to two thirds of National Minimum Fostering Allowance rates (paragraph 3.17 and Appendix C, Table 3)
- iv. increase Kinship Care Allowances to two thirds of National Minimum Fostering Allowance rates (paragraph 3.20 and Appendix C, Table 3)
- v. increase Special Guardianship Allowances to two thirds of Hampshire's fostering allowance rates (Fostering Network Recommended Rates) (paragraph 3.24 and Appendix C, Table 4)
- vi. increase Foster Carers Skill Fees by 2.5% (paragraph 3.33 and Appendix C, Table 6).

- 1.2. That the Executive Lead Member for Children Services approves the following changes to allowances and other associated expenses with effect from 1 April 2011 (paid on claim basis at a specific or daily rate):
- i. increase Family Link Allowances by 2.5% (paragraph 3.27 and Appendix C, Table 5)
 - ii. increase miscellaneous expenses associated with the above activities (as set out in paragraphs 3.34 to 3.38) by 2.5%.

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

- 2.1. To agree the annual increase in fees and allowances in respect of children living away from home and provide some context regarding each of those arrangements.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

None

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:

Approved by:

Date:

9 March 2011

**Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
Councillor Roy Perry**