

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Cabinet
<b>Date:</b>	25 July 2011
<b>Title:</b>	Transparency
<b>Reference:</b>	3146 (linked to 2211)
<b>Report From:</b>	Chief Executive

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#### 1. The decision:

- 1.1. That Cabinet note the positive progress being made in relation to the disclosure of Open Data and Transparency in the past year.
- 1.2. That the Policy on Transparency appended to the report be approved, with the wording of 3 to read “ The presumption of openness does not preclude the legitimate protection of information (including commercial information) whose release would invade personal privacy, breach confidentiality or damage other genuinely compelling interests”.
- 1.3. That the rise in Freedom of Information requests be noted and that Cabinet is reappraised of the situation early in 2012 together with any associated changes in management arrangements that will have been recommended as part of the Corporate Service review outcome.
- 1.4. That Cabinet is appraised of any open data implications arising from the protection of Freedom Bill that is currently going through Parliament.

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

- 2.1. To update Cabinet on the actions being taken to publish more information about the County Council in line with the new Government’s proposals for increasing Open Data and Transparency.

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

- 3.1. None

#### 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

7. **Statement from the Decision Maker:**

**Approved by:**

**Date:**

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