

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
Date:	29 July 2011
Title:	Youth Support services
Reference:	2993
Report From:	Director of Children's Services

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. To note the consultation responses and consider the implications when determining the future provision of Targeted Youth Support Services in Hampshire outlined in the Part A report.
- 1.2. To note and agree the content of the Part B report "The Redesign of Youth Support Services".
- 1.3. To note the financial context for this decision as defined by the 'Children's Services Department Revenue Budget 2011/12' agreed by the Executive Lead Member 28 January 2011 including the framework of principles re-affirmed in that report as a basis for guiding strategic budgetary decisions for the department.
- 1.4. To note the decision of the full meeting of Hampshire County Council on 24 February 2011 which set the budget for the Local Authority as outlined in the budget statement "Tough Times require Tough Decisions".
- 1.5. To note the range of consultation responses as evidenced in the attached report 'A' and also note the extent of effort by officers and members at all levels to seek out and consider comments and views.
- 1.6. To agree the revised proposals as outlined within this report for the redesign of Youth Support Services in Hampshire in order to secure the future of such activities and achieve the savings required, whilst protecting the capacity to continue to service the needs of the most vulnerable young people across the whole of the county and sustaining the provision that supports all young people but targets those in need and especially the most vulnerable.
- 1.7. To agree that the change programme should include the development of a sold service for Careers Guidance to educational establishments across Hampshire.

- 1.8. To require the Director of Children's Services to implement the necessary programme of change
- 1.9. To emphasise that the programme of change should pay particular regard to the support of and communication with affected staff, partners and young people.
- 1.10. To require that officers working with the Local Children's Partnerships and the new Commissioning Boards establish clear methods by which young people at a local level can play a direct part in the decision process about the allocation of funds for locally commissioned services.

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

- 2.1. In the budget strategy paper of January 2011, the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services set a savings target of £4m for youth services. This was in addition to savings of £1m that were that were agreed in July 2010 as part of the measures to achieve urgent in-year savings in 2010/11 to respond to the requirements of the Government's emergency budget. Of this £4m, £1.2m would be achieved in 2011/12 and the remaining additional £2.8m from 2012/13 onwards. This strategy was affirmed in the full County Council budget strategy, "Tough Decisions for Tough Times", and reviewed by the Children's Services Select Committee.
- 2.2. To provide a service to the most vulnerable and enable the local authority to meet its statutory requirements to those groups such as children in care.
- 2.3. To ensure the overall service delivery model targeted the most vulnerable in order to narrow the gap between those who achieve and those who do not.
- 2.4. To adopt the government's strategy of the 'Big Society' and to increase the role of the voluntary and independent sector within Hampshire in providing support to young people with lower levels of need.
- 2.5. To take account of the government's decision to move the statutory responsibility for the delivery of careers guidance from the Local Authority to Educational Establishments from September 2012.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. To make no changes to the current Youth Support Service. This would not meet the required efficiency savings.
- 3.2. Within the consultation no other options were presented for consideration that would have achieved the required savings.

4. Conflicts of interest:

- 4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker:
 - Non-prejudicial interest as a supporter of the Romsey Young Carers Organisation and of the Romsey Scouts via the Member's devolved budget.

- Non-prejudicial interest as Vice-President of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme in Hampshire.

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:

29 July 2011

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