

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

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member – Environment and Transport
<b>Date:</b>	6 September 2011
<b>Title:</b>	Formation of a Local Nature Partnership for Hampshire
<b>Reference:</b>	3245
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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**1. The decision:**

- a) That the County Council takes part in discussions on the formation of a Local Nature Partnership for Hampshire, as proposed in the Government's Natural Environment White Paper.
- b) That the County Council joins the Local Nature Partnership if the arrangements, remit and membership are aligned to the County Council's own priorities.
- c) That this decision is conditional on the Local Nature Partnership being formed from a reshaped Hampshire Biodiversity Partnership, and on there being a single Local Nature Partnership for Hampshire.

**2. Reason for the decision:**

- 2.1. The formation of a Local Nature Partnership for Hampshire provides the potential to plan and deliver environmental management across the whole of Hampshire in an integrated way that reflects the approach taken by the County Council over many years, and being championed through the Total Environment Initiative.

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

- 3.1 Not to partake in discussions about the formation a Local Nature Partnership. This was rejected as it would be contrary to the County Council's interests in developing and maintaining effective partnerships to secure environmental delivery.

**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:**

<b>Approved by:</b>  -----  <b>Executive Member for Environment and Transport Councillor M J Kendal</b>	<b>Date:</b>  <b>6 September 2011</b>
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