

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
<b>Date:</b>	7 December 2011
<b>Title:</b>	Educational Attainment in Hampshire, 2011: Results and Future Priorities
<b>Reference:</b>	3332
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Children's Services

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#### 1. The decision:

- 1.1 That the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services notes the assessment, test and examination results for 2011
- 1.2 That the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services endorses the priorities for improving the educational outcomes for all children and closing the gap for the most vulnerable as listed in paragraph 12.1 of the main report.
- 1.3 That the Executive Lead Member for Children's services supports the distribution of this paper to schools, colleges and settings in Hampshire in order to alert them to the summary outcomes from 2011 tests and examinations and the future priorities which arise from them.
- 1.4 That the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services recommends this paper for consideration by the Cabinet of Hampshire County Council.
- 1.5 That the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services notes the current and anticipated changes which the 2011 Education Bill and supports the School Improvement Service in capitalising on the opportunities and mitigating the potential impact of these changes on the ability of the service to promote school improvement.

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

- 2.1 The report summarises the assessment, test and examination data for 2011 for Hampshire children in the early years; those in primary schools; those in secondary schools and students in post-16 education.
- 2.2 It also outlines the action needed by schools; by the local authority school improvement service and by relevant partners to ensure greater participation and further improvement. In addition, the report considers the impact of recent Government Education policy upon school improvement priorities and the Hampshire School Improvement Service.
- 2.3 The Executive Lead Member is asked to support the key priorities of the Local Authority School Improvement Service as outlined in the report. These priorities arise from the test and examination results which are analysed by phase.

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

- 3.1 The alternative to a proportionate and specific focus on identified areas of school improvement would be to provide generic support for all schools on a traded basis. With the current policy direction of facilitating school-to-school support alongside LA intervention to address underperformance, the differentiated approach outlined within this report would be the preferred method of engaging with schools, regardless of their status.

**4. Conflicts of interest: 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>Date:</b>  <b>7 December 2011</b>
<b>Executive Lead Member for Children's Services Councillor Roy Perry</b>	