

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

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| Decision Maker: | Executive Member Policy and Resources |
| Date: | 9 March 2011 |
| Title: | Local Involvement Network (LINK) transition arrangements |
| Reference: | 2667 |
| Report From: | Chief Executive |

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1. The decision:

- a) That approval be given to the extension of the existing Local Involvement Network (LINK) support contract with HAP UK for 1 year from 1 April 2011 to 31 March 2012, on a renegotiated basis, as an interim arrangement until the establishment of Local Healthwatch in 2012.
- b) That provision be made within the existing budget of £50,000 for the future development and procurement of Local Healthwatch in 2012.

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

- 2.1. The County Council is required under the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 to provide support arrangements for Local Involvement Networks.
- 2.2. Under the proposals in the Health and Social Care Bill, local authorities will be required to establish Local Healthwatch from April 2012.

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:

9 March 2011

Executive Member for Policy & Resources
Councillor T K Thornber, CBE