

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
Date:	19 January 2012
Title:	Interim arrangements for Local Involvement Network (LINK) and Procurement of Healthwatch
Reference:	3454
Report From:	Chief Executives Department

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1. The decisions:

- 1.1. That the Executive Member endorses the approach set out in the report and the proposal to undertake a procurement exercise to let a short term contract to provide interim support for the existing LINK.
- 1.2. That the progress, and issues in relation to the procurement for Local HealthWatch be noted.

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

- 2.1. The County Council has a duty under the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health 2007 Act to ensure that the Local Involvement Network (LINK) has support from a host organisation. When the proposed legislation in the Health and Social Care Bill 2011 is finalised, this will require the Council to procure Local HealthWatch to replace the LINK.

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:

19 January 2012

**Executive Member for Policy and Resources
Councillor T K Thornber, CBE**