

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Adult Social Care
<b>Date:</b>	24 February 2012
<b>Title:</b>	Hampshire Autism Strategy for Adults
<b>Reference:</b>	3667
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Adult Services

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#### 1. The decision:

- a) That the Executive Member for Adult Social Care approves the request to go out to formal consultation on the draft Hampshire Strategy for Adults with Autism to commence on 27 February 2012 for a period of 3 months and that a further report be presented to the Executive Member following consultation.

#### 2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. A three month formal consultation will enable the draft strategy to be commented on by the widest possible audience in Hampshire, including people with autism and their families and carers. Comments can be made online or by post through a questionnaire. Local events will also be held, including events aimed specifically at engaging with BME groups. The results of the consultation will be incorporated into the final strategy
- 2.2. People on the autistic spectrum often have difficulty accessing services and often 'fall in the gaps' between services. Government policy requires that local areas produce an Autism Strategy for Adults by 2013. In developing this new strategy it is essential that all stakeholders in Hampshire have the opportunity to influence the final version and the future shape of services for this group.

#### 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:**

I thank Luke Syddall from Hampshire Autism Voice and Mike Walsh from Hampshire Autism Society for attending the meeting and voicing their support regarding the decision to go out to consultation.

**Approved by:**

**Date:**

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**24 February 2012**

**Executive Member for Adult Social Care  
Councillor Felicity Hindson**