

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

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| <b>Decision Maker:</b> | Executive Member – Policy and Resources                       |
| <b>Date:</b>           | 13 June 2012                                                  |
| <b>Title:</b>          | Governance Arrangements for Enterprise M3 Growing Places Fund |
| <b>Reference:</b>      | 3909                                                          |
| <b>Report From:</b>    | Director of Economy, Transport and Environment                |

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#### 1. The decision:

- a) That approval be given for Hampshire County Council to act as the Accountable Body for the Enterprise M3 Local Enterprise Partnership in relation to the Growing Places Fund.
- b) That approval be given for negotiations to finalise the detailed governance arrangements and agreement with the Enterprise M3 Local Enterprise Partnership in relation to the Growing Places Fund, on the basis of the arrangements set out in section 3 of the report.

#### 2. Reason for the decision:

2.1. The Growing Places funding has been awarded to Enterprise M3 Local Enterprise Partnership and all decisions about its allocation will be taken by the Enterprise M3 Local Enterprise Partnership Board. However, all Growing Places funding was transferred to Local Authorities regardless of whether or not individual Local Enterprise Partnerships were legal bodies. Hampshire County Council is therefore the Accountable Body for the Enterprise M3 Growing Places Fund. Enterprise M3 Local Enterprise Partnership is not a legal entity and therefore, as Hampshire County Council is the Accountable Body for the Growing Places Fund, it must have robust governance arrangements in place to minimise any potential risks and liabilities.

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

3.1 Comparisons with how other local authorities have undertaken this responsibility have been investigated and the following approach is felt to be the most appropriate.

**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:**

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| <b>Approved by:</b><br><br>-----                                                  | <b>Date:</b><br><br><b>13 June 2012</b> |
| <b>Executive Member for Policy and Resources<br/>Councillor T K Thornber, CBE</b> |                                         |