

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
<b>Date:</b>	26 September 2012
<b>Title:</b>	Accountability in the School System
<b>Reference:</b>	4140
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Children's Services

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#### 1. The decisions:

- a) That the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services acknowledges the changes to the Ofsted framework and the implications of these for Hampshire children and young people and for the early years settings, schools and colleges which they attend.
- b) That the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services approves the principle of there being an ongoing role for Hampshire County Council in improving Hampshire schools and settings and providing local leadership to tackle issues relating to educational outcomes for Hampshire children and young people within the constraints of available funding.
- c) That the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services supports the School Improvement Service in proportionate intervention in Hampshire schools when performance is inadequate and in promoting educational excellence in line with the DfE Statutory Guidance (2012).
- d) That the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services re-iterates the role of the local authority as the "Champion of Children" with an ongoing mandate to represent their interests regardless of the type of educational establishment they attend.
- e) That the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services acknowledges the complementary role of Ofsted, the Local Authority, families and schools in bringing about system improvement and closing the gap for vulnerable children and young people.

**2. Reason for the decision:**

2.1. Recent changes to the Ofsted framework and to the statutory responsibilities of local authorities in regard to schools and school improvement require Hampshire to clarify the challenge and support it offers to schools. It is also necessary to ensure all parties understand the complementary role of Ofsted and the LA in relation to school accountability.

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

3.1. No other options were considered

**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 Conduct Advisory Panel:** none.

**6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent:** not applicable.

**7. Statement from the Decision Maker:**

**Approved by:**

**Date:**

**26 September 2012**

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**Executive Lead Member for Children's Services  
Councillor Roy Perry**