

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Adult Social Care
Date:	21 September 2012
Title:	Hampshire Autism Strategy for Adults 2012 - 2015
Reference:	4250
Report From:	Director of Adult Services

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1. The decision:

That the Executive Member for Adult Social Care

- a) approves the finalised Hampshire Autism Strategy for Adults
- b) approves the future direction for the implementation of the Strategy.
- c) endorses the proposed launch on 5 November 2012

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

- 2.1. A three month formal consultation in 2012 has enabled the draft Strategy to be commented on by the widest possible audience in Hampshire, including people with autism and their families and carers. Comments were made online or by post through a questionnaire and local events were held, including events aimed specifically at engaging with BME groups. The results of the consultation were 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 all stakeholders in Hampshire have had opportunity to influence the final version and the future shape of services for this group.
- 2.3. The Hampshire Autism Partnership Board will launch the Strategy in November 2012 and thereafter implement over the next three years. Progress will be reviewed annually.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. None

4. Conflicts of interest:

4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker:

4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted:

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:

21 September 2012

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