

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
Date:	25 October 2012
Title:	Registration Strategy Update
Reference:	4185
Report From:	Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Registration Strategy, as set out in Appendix 2 of the report is approved, in particular:
- 1.2. That the relocation of Register Offices with ceremony facilities as set out in the report, are approved.
- 1.3. That the recommended closure in November 2012 of Bishops Waltham Register Office is endorsed.
- 1.4. That the partial centralisation of group Citizenship Ceremonies to four register offices including Aldershot, Winchester, Fareham and Basingstoke is supported.
- 1.5. That approval be given to proceed with the second phase of consultation during 2013/14 focussing on the relocation of Winchester Register Office to Castle Hill, Winchester as per the Registration strategy 2012-17.
- 1.6. That the consultation on the relocation of Aldershot Register Office is deferred until such time as a suitable alternative has been identified.
- 1.7. That support is given to the registration service to pursue an opportunity which has arisen to relocate Totton Register Office to improved accommodation nearby.

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

- 2.1. The strategy ensures high quality service provision and long term value for money for Hampshire residents, whilst supporting the corporate strategic priorities of maximising wellbeing and enhancing our quality of place. It also provides a platform for the ongoing modernisation of the registration service including the ability to respond to legislative change.

2.2. A key element of the strategy is to make best use of county council buildings and configure services in line with utilisation, integrating with the 'Workstyle' programme.

2.3. Where services are to be relocated, suitable alternative accommodation has been or will be sought to ensure like for like or improved service provision for the public.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. Continue to provide services in the current configuration accepting that they are under utilised and do not represent value for money.

3.2. Reduce the range of services provided to focus primarily on statutory provision.

3.3. Concentrate services in 5 main 'hub' offices, with no 'satellite' provision.

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:

25 October 2012

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