

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Cabinet
Date:	29 October 2012
Title:	Supporting Troubled Families Programme
Reference:	4382
Report From:	Director of Policy and Governance, Corporate Services

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The decision:

1. That Cabinet:
 - 1.1. notes the significant progress that has been made to establish the Supporting Troubled Families Programme in Hampshire since May 2012 and approves the following:
 - 1.1.1 A twin track service delivery model continues to be developed comprising of a centrally commissioned element of evidenced based intensive family support services and local solutions determined by LCG's.
 - 1.1.2 To seek approval to spend and procure at a maximum value of £3,301,333 for a centrally commissioned Family Support Service on a payment by results basis for the duration of the programme. The central procurement will be commissioned in three geographical lots (Option 2 Appendix G of the report).
 - 1.1.3 A proportion of the DCLG grant will be made available to LCG's. 60% of this funding will be available as an attachment fee on the condition that a single family plan is in place, and up to 40% will be dependent on demonstrating successful outcomes (Section 10 of the report).
 - 1.1.4 Funding will be apportioned at a District Council level based on the total families currently meeting both the Crime/ASB and Education funding criteria, as set out in Appendix E to the report.
 - 1.1.5 The County Council's contribution of £900,000 to be utilised as per Section 9 and Appendix D of the report:
 - a) Set up of local arrangements (see table 3 in Section 10 of the report);
 - b) Supporting the additional costs of the central programme team;
 - c) Supporting the training needs of local agencies and providers to ensure that the workforce is appropriately skilled to deliver family interventions;

- d) Including additional families in the programme who are considered to be a high cost to the public purse, but do not necessarily meet the DCLG funding criteria;
 - e) Funding additional early interventions for families on top of the commissioned provision;
 - f) Funding the significant data analysis and performance monitoring exercise to monitor and track the families during the programme;
 - g) Ensuring a smooth transition from years two to three and beyond once DCLG funding ceases;
 - h) Funding new innovations through prior agreement of the Executive Member for Communities and International Relations to support the transformational ambition of the programme (e.g. links to skills and employment programmes).
- 1.1.6 Cabinet recommends to the Leader that ongoing responsibility for the Supporting Troubled Families Programme be added to the Executive Portfolio of the Executive Member for Communities and International Relations.
- 1.1.7 The performance, monitoring and control of the programme will link closely to the County Council's strategic transformation programme and the Open for Business strategy which will track and monitor performance as the programme progresses.
- 1.1.8 Cabinet notes the key programme risks associated with a programme of this scale and ambition as outlined in Section 13 and Appendix H to the report.

2 Reason(s) for the decision:

- 2.1 The purpose of the report is to provide an overview of the Supporting Troubled Families Programme (STFP) in Hampshire, and to gain approval for the proposed strategic delivery approach and associated funding proposals.
- 2.2 The programme seeks to engage with 1,590 families across Hampshire over the next three financial years and deliver a number of new interventions through local partnership arrangements. Target programme outcomes will include increased school attendance, reduced worklessness and less crime.
- 2.3 The programme has the ambition to deliver:
- Improved Outcomes and lasting positive changes to the lives of families in Hampshire;
 - Greater inter-agency coordination and joined up working with whole families;
 - Demonstrating the benefits (financial and non-financial) of early help, intervention and prevention;
 - A transformational ambition for a new funded and sustainable delivery model for working with families

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 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:

29 October 2012

**Chairman of the Cabinet
Councillor T K Thornber CBE**