

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Cabinet
Date:	22 July 2013
Title:	Public Health Budget
Reference:	5020
Report From:	Director of Corporate Resources & Director of Public Health

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1. The decision:

That Cabinet:

- a) Agrees the proposed additional £4.101 million expenditure for 2013/14 and £3.981 million for 2014/15 noting that should any of the items become recurring in nature they will be offset by efficiencies in 2015/16 onwards.
- b) Agrees the next steps outlined in section 5, in particular that further proposals will be presented as part of the normal budget monitoring approach, thereafter changes for 2014/15 will form part of the normal budget setting process.

2. Reason for the decision:

- 2.1. Responsibility for public health transferred to the County Council from 1 April 2013 accompanied by a ring-fenced grant. In March, Cabinet agreed a baseline spending plan with further proposals to make effective use of the remaining grant to be reported in the summer.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Options for use of the grant over a two year period are presented in the report with regard to the following criteria:
 - a). ensure cost effective delivery of public health mandated responsibilities along with the priority discretionary responsibilities of Drug and Alcohol prevention and treatment;
 - b). to maximise the transformational opportunity of this resource to facilitate sustainable service change;

c). to ensure the resource is aligned with ongoing interventions by the Council to improve the public's health;

d). focus on resource interventions leading to improved outcomes.

3.2. The option not to use the grant has been rejected as this would significantly impact on the County Council's financial capacity to meet its new public health responsibilities in the short term.

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:

22 July 2013

**Chairman of the Cabinet
Councillor R. Perry**