

**HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL****Executive Decision Record**

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside
<b>Date:</b>	16 July 2015
<b>Title:</b>	New Governance Arrangements for the Sport Hampshire and Isle of Wight Team
<b>Reference:</b>	6727
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services

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### 1. The decision:

That the Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside approves the recommendations as outlined in the report:

- i) Approves the transfer of services and funding of SHIOW from its current HCC hosting relationship to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation to be fully operational from 1 April 2016.
- ii) SHIOW continues to deliver certain elements of Hampshire County Council's sports development programme.
- iii) Authorises the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services to undertake any other steps that are reasonably required to finalise and implement the above recommendations including agreeing the final terms of the documentation required.
- iv) Recommends to the Executive Member for Policy and Resources a closed LGPS pass-through agreement and approval of the final detailed terms of the transfer

### 2. Reason(s) for the decision:

- 2.1. Sport Hampshire and the Isle of Wight (SHIOW) is one of 45 County Sports Partnerships which operate across England. It is responsible for developing specific programmes which increase participation in sport and physical activity across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight and it does this by working with a wide range of organisations. These include local authorities, schools and local universities, Sport England, Public Health and the National Governing Bodies of Sport.

2.2. When County Sports Partnerships were set up 14 years ago, nearly all were hosted by a local authority or university. Over the last five years this arrangement has changed significantly and now nearly 50% of the County Sports Partnerships are constituted as independent organisations, including the 3 largest county sports partnerships; London, West Yorkshire and Greater Manchester. The reasons for this include a desire to act with more freedom and independence, the economic pressures being experienced by the host and a desire to capture new income opportunities not available through a hosted relationship, e.g. competing for sports development contracts with local authorities and other organisations (Sport Hampshire & IOW is not a legal entity and cannot therefore compete in its own right for contracts). Some grants are not available to local authorities.

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

- 3.1. The benefits and implications of all the appropriate governance forms for a charitable organisation have been considered and the Charitable Incorporated Organisation has been selected as the appropriate model for SHIOW.
- 3.2. The initial assessment by the Oaks consultancy considered various options for the future governance of SHIOW including remaining within the current hosting arrangements, an alternative host, or other forms of independence. The assessment identified independence as a charitable organisation as the most positive option to give SHIOW the opportunity to sustain and develop in the future.

**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:**

In reaching this decision, I have taken into account the input at my Decision Day from Hampshire County Councillors Peter Edgar and Chris Wood.

**Approved by:**

**Date:**

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**16 July 2015**

**Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside  
Councillor Andrew Gibson**