

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Health and Public Health
Date:	24 February 2016
Title:	The commissioning of support services for substance misusing offenders as part of the Integrated Offender Management (IOM) programme.
Reference:	7219
Report From:	Director of Public Health (Interim)

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1. The decision:

- 1.1 That the Executive Member for Health and Public Health gives approval that a one-off grant payment not exceeding £300,000 be made to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for the specific purpose of commissioning an interim Hampshire Integrated Offender Management Service (HIOMS) for 12 months from 1 April 2016.
- 1.2 That the Executive Member for Health and Public Health gives delegated authority to the Director of Public Health, in consultation with the Executive Member for Health and Public Health, to determine the exact value of the grant subject to the limit stated above.

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

- 2.1 The proposal is consistent with the County Council's duty to take appropriate steps to improve the health of the people who live in their areas and to this end seeks to employ The County Council's grant making powers.
- 2.2 By securing the provision of enhanced support to substance misusing offenders, the proposal will support the delivery of a number of Public Health Outcome Framework (PHOF) performance targets including:
 - PHOF indicator 1.13 - reduction in reoffending
 - PHOF indicator 2.15 - successful completions of drug misuse treatment
 - PHOF Indicator 2.16 - People entering prison with substance dependence issues who are previously not known to community treatment

- PHOF Indicator 4.3 - Mortality from causes considered preventable
- 2.3 Integrated Offender Management (IOM) is a nationally recognised partnership approach to coordinating the management of offenders whose crime causes most damage locally to reduce re-offending.
- 2.4 The proposal secures continuity of provision for 12 months pending full implementation of structural changes within the criminal justice system introduced by the Offender Rehabilitation Act 2014 (ORA). These include the establishment of the National Probation Service (NPS) and Community Rehabilitation Companies (CRCs) and the reassignment of key statutory responsibilities in respect to the management of offenders. The system is currently in transition and full implementation of these changes is not anticipated until 2017/18.
- 2.5 The proposal delivers a minimum cost saving of £206,000 to the County Council in 2016-17 compared to the current commissioning arrangements.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Direct commissioning of the HIOMS service by the County Council through an extension of current commissioning arrangements.

This was not pursued as the option of a further extension to the current contract was not available.

- 3.2. Direct commissioning of the HIOMS service by the County Council through use of a single tender approval (STA).

This was not pursued as reference to relevant national guidance identifies that whilst the service will contribute to Public Health outcomes, the majority of specific functions delivered by the service are not mandated Local Authority functions. Consequently it was deemed that the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner (OPCC) was the appropriate commissioning agency rather than the County Council.

- 3.3. Provide additional investment in the commissioned specialist substance misuse service (Inclusion Recovery Hampshire) to allow the service to take on the HIOMS functions.

This was not pursued as Inclusion Recovery Hampshire service does not have the necessary depth of offender management experience to deliver the full scope of the HIOMS service.

Apportioning functions between the two services was discounted as this would have led to a loss of operational efficiency and would have delivered poor value for money.

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:

24 February 2016

**Executive Member for Health and Public Health
Councillor Patricia Stallard**