

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Cabinet
<b>Date:</b>	6 June 2016
<b>Title:</b>	Report on the findings of Deloitte on options for Local Government in Hampshire and proposals for consultation
<b>Reference:</b>	7577
<b>Report From:</b>	Chief Executive

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#### 1. The decision:

##### 1.1 . That Cabinet:

- a) Notes that events leading up to and since the 2016 Budget have placed the integrity of the County Council's services at risk, through the proposed Solent and Heart of Hampshire devolution deals;
- b) Confirms the County Council's intention not to endorse either the Solent or Heart of Hampshire combined authority proposals before conducting a full public consultation on all options for local government in Hampshire;
- c) Notes the independent study by Deloitte presenting an initial analysis of options for local government in Hampshire and concluding that:
  - i. There is a strong financial and non-financial case in favour of a new unitary authority covering the current administrative county of Hampshire ('Hampshire Council', Option D in Deloitte's report) as the best model for local government reorganisation in Hampshire;
  - ii. There is a comprehensive and compelling case against all of the options which lead to any unitary council that splits the county of Hampshire;
- d) Notes that, if it were to be implemented, Option D would lead to the disestablishment of the existing County Council and Hampshire district councils, and the creation of a new unitary 'Hampshire Council' covering the existing Hampshire administrative boundaries;
- e) Gives delegated authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Executive Member for Policy and Resources, to appoint an independent organisation to design and implement a consultation on the basis of the proposals set out in section 12 and on the Combined Authority proposals for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight agreed by all partners in September

2015, if possible, in partnership with other HIOW authorities and agrees to allocate £150,000 from contingency funds to cover the costs of this exercise.

**2. Reason for the decision:**

2.1. To enable consultations to take place regarding proposals for local government in Hampshire.

**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:**

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**6 June 2016**

**Chairman of the Cabinet  
Councillor R Perry**