HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
Date of Decision:	15 January 2010
Decision Title:	Reading among Hampshire children and young people
Decision Reference:	960
Report From:	Director of Children's Services

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1. The decision:

1.1. That the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services notes the attainment and engagement of Hampshire children in reading as outlined in this report.

1.2. That the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services approves the proposal to establish a pilot "Community of Readers" within a Hampshire local children's partnership.

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

2.1. This decision will support joint working by Children's Services and Community, Culture and Rural Affairs in support of the further development of children's reading.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. No other options have been considered since this work would be in addition to that already undertaken by schools, the English advisory team and the schools' library service.

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 Standards Committee: 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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Executive Member for Children's Services **Councillor David Kirk**	