Appendix 1

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Cabinet
Date:	27 September 2010
Title:	Charging Policy for Adult Services - permission to consult on proposals to develop a new 'contributions based' policy
Reference:	1862
Report From:	Director of Adult Services

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1. The decision:

a) That a consultation take place on proposals to develop a contributions based policy for adult social care as set out in the supporting report.

b) That a further report be brought to Cabinet following the consultation exercise setting out the key findings and any proposals to introduce a new contributions policy.

2. Reasons for the decision:

a) The County Council needs to consult on its charging policy prior to introducing any changes. A change to the current policy is required to complement the Hampshire Model for Personalisation approved by Cabinet in December 2008, which set out the adult social care offer to local residents. New approaches and services have been developed and in this context the current charging framework is complex to apply fairly and transparently.

b) Currently most, but not all, services are charged for and service user and public views are being sought on whether this should change. The consultation will also provide a valuable opportunity to seek views on other relevant aspects to guide the more detailed operating policy.

c) A contributions policy framework that supports the Hampshire Model for Personalisation is essential to the delivery of effective and good quality adult services to the people who use them; and to the delivery of an efficient and economic service to the people of Hampshire.

d) The proposed policy would contribute to the Corporate Improvement Plan outcome area to give "greater choice in and control over adult social care and support".

3. Other options considered and rejected:

a) Options for a new local policy framework based on service users making a contribution to the total personal budget have been carefully considered. Two options have been rejected. These are: 'no change' as this would be unworkable for the reasons set out above; and 'no charging' as this would result in a loss of income to the Council of approximately £7.5 million.

4. Conflicts of interest:

a) Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None

b) 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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Chairman of the Cabinet **Councillor T.K. Thornber, CBE**	