

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Cabinet
<b>Date:</b>	7 December 2015
<b>Title:</b>	Negotiation and Government's proposal of a devolution deal for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight
<b>Reference:</b>	7137
<b>Report From:</b>	Chief Executive

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#### 1. The decision:

1.1. That delegated authority to be given to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to progress the next stage towards securing a devolution deal for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight (HIOW), including ongoing negotiations with the Government and consideration of the Government's anticipated proposal of a devolution deal for HIOW.

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

2.1. Good progress has been made since June 2015 to develop the proposal for Hampshire-wide Combined Authority, covering the County Council, the 11 District Councils, the three Unitary Councils of Portsmouth, Southampton and the Isle of Wight and Solent and Enterprise M3 LEPs as the basis for developing a devolution deal and a model for the transfer of power from central government to the people of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. The County Council has been strongly supportive in principle of the HIOW bid and has played a very significant role in helping to shape its development. As the process nears completion, the Council as one of the 19 partners in the bid now needs to put itself into a position to consider and approve the final deal document.

2.2. The wording of the deal document will be drafted by the Government and the Government will expect HIOW to be able to respond quickly to agree the final document ahead of a Government announcement, potentially at short notice. This decision has been taken to enable HIOW to respond to the Government at pace and take decisions in a timely manner.

#### 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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**7 December 2015**

**Chairman of Cabinet  
Councillor Roy Perry**