

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services and Deputy Leader
Date:	20 May 2014
Title:	Children's Residential Care Strategy
Reference:	5675
Report From:	Director of Children's Services

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1. The decision:

- 1.1 That the Executive Lead Member note and approve the Children's Services strategy to improve residential care.

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

- 2.1. The strategy will bring Hampshire's children's homes in line with the new Government guidance by building homes within a community with sufficient infrastructure to support positive outcomes for the children such as transport, schools and leisure activities. This will enable children to feel part of, and participate in, their community and develop a sense of worth and independence.
- 2.2. The focus on placing children near their community is in line with the expected Children's Home Regulations and Care Standards Act reforms in 2015.
- 2.3. Hampshire's "Pillars of Parenting" care strategy can be fully implemented in the new homes because they will have sufficient infrastructure for the children to become part of the community and experience a level of independence that is not possible in the larger homes.
- 2.4. The new homes will meet the Ofsted inspection key performance indicators for modern environmentally friendly building and will also meet the Government agenda for reform of residential care homes. The proposed plan of the new buildings also meets current design specifications for life time living.

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:

20 May 2014

**Executive Lead Member for Children's Services and
Deputy Leader
Councillor Keith Mans**