

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member – Policy and Resources
Date:	10 June 2010
Title:	Consultation on Orders establishing Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Districts and their associated authorities
Reference:	1696
Report From:	Director of Environment and County Treasurer's

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1. The decision: **(PROPOSED)**

- a) That the Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs be informed:
- (i) That the County Council strongly objects to the new formula that the Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs is proposing to follow in calculating the contribution from each constituent local authority to the new Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority, which results in a major increase in the County Council's financial contribution from 20% to 40.4% of the total cost, taking the County Council's contribution in 2010/11 from £90,990 to at least £183,799 in 2011/12 (an increase of £92,810), doubling Hampshire County Council's contribution at a time of great financial stringency.
 - (ii) That the County Council objects to the reduction in its representation on the Committee from the current two members to one member. Representation must be proportional to the contribution made.
 - (iii) That the Director of Environment be authorised, in consultation with the County Treasurer and the Executive Member for Policy and Resources, to prepare and submit a response on matters (i) and (ii) above and also include detailed comments on other aspects of the consultation document.

2. Reason for the decision:

- 2.1. Responding to this consultation allows the County Council to make clear its position on an issue of significance to the authority.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. Not to respond to the consultation.

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:

10 June 2010

**Executive Member for Policy and Resources
Councillor T K Thornber CBE**