

**HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL****Executive Decision Record**

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Culture and Recreation
<b>Date:</b>	11 October 2010
<b>Title:</b>	Department for Business Innovation and Skills Consultations
<b>Reference:</b>	2141
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Culture, Communities and Rural Affairs

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**1. The decision:**

- a) That the opportunity to respond to the consultations is welcomed.
- b) That the response affirms the role of Hampshire County Council, via its local service, Hampshire Learning, as a continuing provider/commissioner for adult and community learning across the county.
- c) That the response emphasises that the government should retain the Adult Safeguarded Learning (ASL) budget and its allocation to Hampshire County Council, which will enable Hampshire Learning and other County Council services to continue to provide value for money, innovative and inclusive services which provide a broad offer of learning across the county and which contribute to the building of the 'Big Society'.

**2. Reason for the decision:**

- 2.1. Both consultative documents could have a major influence on future policy and funding for skills and learning and affect colleges, local authorities, voluntary sector organisations and the private sector. They cover a number of areas including; Adult Safeguarded Learning, 14-19 provision, apprenticeships, economic development, learning and the 'Big Society', reducing bureaucracy, simplifying funding and systems of qualifications. The outcome and the potential changes in national policy and funding will have broad implications for both Hampshire Learning/ Culture, Communities and Rural Affairs (CCRA) and for other Departments within Hampshire County Council.

**3. Other options considered and rejected:**

3.1 Not responding to the consultations.

**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 Culture and Recreation  
Councillor Mrs. M. Snaith-Tempia**