

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Cabinet
Date:	26 July 2010
Title:	Efficiencies and Expenditure Reductions: Transforming the County Council
Reference:	1926
Report From:	Chief Executive

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1. The decision:

- a) That Cabinet approve the efficiency and cost reduction programme set out in Section 2 above
- b) That the Chief Executive bring forward to Cabinet the relevant financial and progress reports on each of the workstreams (including further enhancements to the programme)
- c) That a recruitment moratorium be implemented with effect from 1st September 2010 as described in 2.4
- d) That Chief Officers and Executive Members be requested to consider the impact of this programme and report back to Executive Members and corporately to Cabinet the issues, implications and impacts of these (and other local measures) as part of the budget preparation and planning for 2011/12
- e) That the Chief Executive reports to the October Cabinet meeting on proposed organisational changes.

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

- 2.1. To agree the development of a framework for further efficiencies and expenditure reductions within the County Council, including areas of activity where it is suggested expenditure reductions should take place, areas of activity which should be the subject of efficiency reviews, and the process by which this activity is carried out.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. Taking no action. This is not considered a viable option, in light of the government's recent announcement regarding grant reductions. Therefore, taking the opportunity to undertake some transformational work to reposition the organisation in a way that best protects and develops public services for the people of Hampshire is considered to be the best option.

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:

26 July 2010

**Chairman of the Cabinet
Councillor T K Thornber, CBE**