

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
Date:	28 October 2010
Title:	Porchester Community Centre
Reference:	2145
Report From:	Director of Property, Business and Regulatory Services

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1. The decision:

1.1. That, subject to a further detailed report, the following measures relating to the County Council's support of a new Community Centre in Porchester, be approved:

- Purchase by the County Council, at value, of the site of Porchester Community Centre, including the car park and adjoining amenity land
- Provision of a grant towards the building of the new Community Centre, including a replacement Children's Centre, such that the grant and purchase price of the land total £1 million
- Provision of a five year interest free loan of a further £1 million to Fareham Borough Council to enable the project to proceed
- A lease back to Fareham Borough Council on a long-term basis at a peppercorn rent.
- The new Children's Centre to be protected in the long term through a sub-lease or similar arrangement.
- The County Council to be commissioned by the Borough Council to design and procure the new Centre.

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

2.1. This project has the potential to deliver a new Community Centre for the people of Porchester, working in partnership with Fareham Borough Council, and therefore meets the corporate priorities of enhancing our quality of place and maximising wellbeing for the local community.

3. Other options considered:

- 3.1. Option 1 – Refurbish the existing Centre, which would involve the refurbishment of the existing 1500 m² Centre.
- 3.2. Option 2 – Build a new Centre on other land – A search has been undertaken of existing County Council and Borough Council landholdings to identify other possible sites for a new Community Centre. However, no obvious solutions have been identified.
- 3.3. Option 3 – The permanent closure of the Community Centre – It appears that this will be inevitable unless a feasible alternative is identified. It is not the favoured solution as studies show that the existing Centre delivers a range of valued services and is very well used.

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: 28 October 2010
Executive Member for Policy and Resources Councillor T.K Thornber, CBE	