

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Hampshire Economic Board
Date:	21 September 2010
Title:	Skills Commissioning and Funding Arrangements
Reference:	2036
Report From:	Director of Children's Services

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1. The decision:

- a) That the content of this paper and the emerging skills landscape, particularly in relation to funding; the impact on the colleges and other training providers, and on the role of the County Council be noted, and the Council continues to exert its influence at all levels of government.
- b) That the continuing dialogue between schools, colleges and other training providers, business and the County Council in the development of a skills strategy for Hampshire be supported.

2. Reason for the decision:

- 2.1. The pattern of provision for 14-16 year olds, 16-19 year olds and adults is changing and is set to change further. The roles and responsibilities of various agencies, including the Local Authority, have changed recently and are set to change again. The funding to support the provision for skills development has been severely reduced in some area but not in others.
- 2.2. While performance – in terms of young people not in education, employment or training, and the proportion who reach level 2 and 3 at 19 – is strong, the Hampshire Economic Assessment shows that, in some areas of the county, economic performance is relatively weak. A new approach involving key partners needs to be developed.

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 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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Chairman of the Hampshire Economic Board Councillor T K Thornber CBE	