

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
<b>Date:</b>	26 July 2010
<b>Title:</b>	2010/11 and ongoing budget reductions within Children's Services
<b>Reference:</b>	1935
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Children's Services

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#### **1. The decision:**

- 1.1. That the Executive Member notes the level of in-year reductions in grant funding from central Government, and the anticipated further pressures on the Children's Services budgets (2011 and beyond) as a result of: service pressures; anticipated additional cuts in ABG and other Specific Grants; the Autumn Spending Review and subsequent County Council efficiency measures.
- 1.2. That the Executive Member approves the range of organisational changes, staff and spending reductions outlined in this report in order to enable Children's Services to manage within budget from April 2011 and to make a significant contribution to its funding deficit for the current financial year.
- 1.3. That the Executive Member approves the commencement of the formal consultation process in relation to the staffing implications as set out in Appendix 5.

#### **2. Reason(s) for the decision:**

- 2.1. A programme of restructuring, savings and efficiencies in the Children's Services Department was necessary in response to the Government's in-year reductions in funding and anticipated further reductions in Government funding from April 2011/12.

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

- 3.1. Other options that were considered were found to not realise the necessary savings.

**4. Conflicts of interest:**

4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker:

Not applicable

4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted:

Not applicable

**5. Dispensation granted by the Standards Committee: none.**

**6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent:**

The Government's emergency budget in June 2010 imposed upon local authorities the need to make significant and immediate savings such that an urgent review of Hampshire County Council's Children's Services Department was necessary in order to address the implications of the grant reduction.

As this was also a key decision the requirements of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) (Regulations 2000) Regulation 15 – Key Decisions have been complied with, a notice having been sent to the Chairman of the Children and Young People's Select Committee on 21 July 2010 and public notice having been given on 22 July 2010.

**7. Statement from the Decision Maker:**

<b>Approved by:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
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<b>Executive Lead Member for Children's Services Councillor David Kirk</b>	