

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
Date:	9 September 2010
Title:	Request for funding for the Mayfield and Grange Youth Project in Rushmoor via the Hampshire Action Team for Hart and Rushmoor
Reference:	1918
Report From:	Chief Executive

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1. Executive Summary

1.1. The purpose of this paper is to seek approval for funding of £32,400 to the Mayfield and Grange Youth Project for this year only from the Hart and Rushmoor HAT Community Budget.

2. Contextual information

2.1. The project works in two wards within Farnborough – Mayfield and Grange, which have issues around economic, social and health inequalities due to high levels of deprivation. Within the area there are also low levels of educational attainment and young people also face issues with low self esteem and motivation. There are also community tensions due to the rapidly changing ethnic composition of the local population.

2.2. The Project currently delivers two evenings per week of targeted youth work and also supports the delivery of 3 sporting sessions a week (basketball, football and a street dance project). It also delivers detached youth work. During these sessions the team of volunteers and youth workers build positive meaningful relationships with young people to enable them to discuss important life issues one to one and in a group setting.

2.3. The HAT funding will enable the project to continue for a further 12 months and to build on the good work already being done by beginning to deal with the issues of social cohesion and deprivation in the area. A small focus group of the Mayfield and Grange Youth Partnership will be working over the next year to secure sustainable 2 – 3 year funding through organisations such as Children in Need and the Big Lottery Fund to continue the project in the future.

- 2.4. The project is run by a multi-agency partnership consisting of representatives from a number of local organisations. The youth worker post is managed by Hampshire County Council Youth Services.

3. Finance

- 3.1. The total funding allocation for the Hart and Rushmoor HAT is £95,000. The amount currently remaining is £75,000.
- 3.2. The amount of funding requested is £32,400 and the detail of the bid is set out in the application form accompanying this report (Appendix C).
- 3.3. The funding will be held and administered by Rushmoor Borough Council on behalf of the multi-agency partnership.

4. Legal Implications

- 4.1. Section 2 of the Local Government Act 2000 states that every local authority has the power to do anything which they consider is likely to achieve the promotion or improvement of the social well-being of the whole or any part of a local authority's area.
- 4.2. This project is intended to improve the social well-being of young people in deprived areas of Rushmoor by providing positive activities for them to participate in. It will also help to engage young people who are unwilling or unable to participate in formal youth work activities by providing detached youth work sessions to enable them to discuss important life issues one to one and in a group setting.
- 4.3. This project is in line with the Vision of Hampshire County Council's Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) and particularly with ambition number 2 in relation to children and young people, (Hampshire SCS 2008-18, page 4).

5. Monitoring

- 5.1. The intended outcomes of the project are outlined in the application form accompanying this report (Appendix C, page 5).
- 5.2. A detailed monitoring report setting out the final outcomes of the project will be sent out for completion at the end of the project.

6. Other key issues

- 6.1. There are no other key issues associated with this request.

7. Statements of Support

- 7.1. This application has majority support of the Hart and Rushmoor HAT. It was discussed at HAT meetings on the 2 and 25 of June and approved by HAT Members electronically through the distribution of the application form via email.

- 7.2. There were no declarations of interest made by HAT members.
- 7.3. The Executive Member for Communities, Councillor Mans, has been consulted and commented as follows: "This looks like a good project and I am content that it meets the HAT terms of reference. I am also pleased to see that the project takes into account engaging with the Nepalese young people in the area. The influx of Nepalese families immigrating into the area is on the increase and it is something the County Council needs to be aware of and to be involved in."
- 7.4. The Executive Lead Member for Children's Services, Councillor Kirk, was consulted and commented as follows: "I would be supportive of the HAT encouraging this work which fits well with the overall strategy of the Youth Service in the Hart and Rushmoor area".
- 7.5. Children's Services have been involved at all stages of the bid process and are fully supportive of the project. They will continue to manage the youth worker post who will be running the project.

8. Recommendation

- 8.1. That £32,400 of funding be awarded to the Mayfield and Grange Youth Project from the Hart and Rushmoor HAT Community Budget for 2010/11 only, with no expectation for future years.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**Links to the Corporate Strategy**

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	Yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Maximising well-being:	Yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Enhancing our quality of place:	Yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

DocumentLocation

None

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:**1. Equalities Impact Assessment:**

- 1.1. The youth project will be based in the Mayfield and Grange wards of Rushmoor which have economic, social and health inequalities due to high levels of deprivation. Within the area there are also low levels of educational attainment and young people also face issues with low self esteem and motivation.
- 1.2. Since 2006 the ward has experienced significant changes in its ethnic composition due to the change in legislation which has allowed retired Gurkha's to remain in the UK. This has led to increased tensions within the community, particularly with young people. This is due to a lack of cultural understanding and fear of one another. With additional resources and increased capacity, the project will work to address these issues working with adults and young people in the community to break down some of these barriers.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

- 2.1. The activities run by this project will provide positive opportunities for youth engagement in two very deprived areas of Rushmoor and supports the initiatives of the local Community Safety Partnership.

3. Climate Change:

- 3.1. There is no adverse impact arising from this report.