

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
Date of Decision:	26 July 2010
Decision Title:	Request for financial assistance from Holy Trinity Church in Fareham
Decision Reference:	1931
Report From:	Chief Executive

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1. Executive Summary

1.1. The purpose of this paper is to consider an application received from Holy Trinity Church towards The Gateway One Stop Community Shop in Fareham.

2. Contextual Information

2.1. The proposal is for a three-way partnership between the Church of England, Hampshire County Council and Fareham Borough Council to lease, fit out and operate a community 'One Stop Shop' in a currently vacant shop unit (previously 'Threshers') that is situated in the centrally located Highlands Road Shopping Precinct. The lease for the shop unit will be for six years, with a break clause at 3 years.

2.2. A sum of £50,000 from the County Council is being sought towards the running costs of the facility for the first three years.

2.3. The centre would be open to people of all ages, including those who are alone or homeless as a result of family breakdown, and would comprise an internet access 'cafe' area providing computers, with tables, chairs and comfortable seating areas for people to meet and chat.

3. Financial Information

3.1. The estimated cost of this project is £110,000 for both one-off costs (refitting, furniture and IT provision) and annual costs (lease, utilities and IT costs). This is broken down as follows:

Set-up Costs	- £50,000
Running Costs	- (£20,000 p.a. x 3 Years) - £60,000
Total Cost	- £110,000

3.2. Details of income are:

Fareham Borough Council -	£50,000
Holy Trinity Church over the six-year lease)	in kind costs (equated to £49,000)

3.3. After the three-year period, the Church anticipate the facility will become self-financing through income from the café.

4. Comments of Chief Officers and local Members:

4.1. The comments of Councillors Ellis and Bryant have been sought:

Director of Property, Business and Regulatory Services (Head of Estates): To be reported at the meeting.

Chief Executive: A one-off grant of £50,000 towards this project will provide a much needed community facility for local residents.

5. Recommendation

5.1. That a one-off sum of £50,000 be awarded to Holy Trinity Church in 2010/11 towards the running costs of The Gateway One Stop Community Shop in Fareham for the first three years from the Corporate Policy Fund.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:

Links to the Corporate Strategy

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

Application forms received from organisations and young people

Chief Executive's Department

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equalities Impact Assessment:

1.1. The application procedure includes equalities monitoring information as agreed as part of the corporate review of grants programmes and procedures.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

2.1. The County Council has an obligation under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to consider the impact of all decisions it makes on the prevention of crime. The proposals in this report aim to improve the wellbeing of Hampshire residents and reduce the risk of crime occurring.