

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Member For Communities
Date:	2 August 2010
Title:	New Forest Hampshire Action Team request for funding from Fordingbridge and District Community Association
Reference:	1937
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 £5,000 to Fordingbridge and District Community Association for this year only to pump prime a youth project and to extend from one night to two nights.

2. Contextual information

2.1 The pump priming support would enable the current successful Friday Night drop in at The Avonway Centre to Saturday nights.

2.2 The current provision on Friday nights attracts 15-30 teenagers and vandalism and Anti Social Behaviour has reduced by 80%.

2.3 The community in Fordingbridge are fully in support of the project and various organisations are looking to support the project in the long term - churches, district Councillors and the Rotary Club.

2.4 Hampshire County Council already provide annual funding for running costs to Fordingbridge and District Community Association through a grant made by the Executive Member for Culture and Recreation. In 2010/11 this grant is £5,880. New Forest HAT Members have been made aware of this information.

3. Finance

3.1 The total funding allocation available to the New Forest HAT is £70,000.

3.2 The amount remaining following previous successful applications is £60,000.

3.2 The amount of funding requested is £5,000 and the detail of the bid is set out in the application form accompanying this report (Appendix C).

4. Legal Implications

4.1 The County Council has the power under S137 (3) of the Local Government Act 1972 to incur expenditure on contributions to any of the following funds:

(a) the funds of any charitable body in furtherance of its work in the United Kingdom;

(b) the funds of any body which provides any public service (whether to the public at large or to any section of it) in the United Kingdom otherwise than for the purposes of gain.

The provision of a drop in service by Fordingbridge and District Community Association is a public service otherwise than for gain and Fordingbridge and District Community Association is therefore eligible for a grant under S137 (3).

5. Monitoring

5.1 The intended outcomes of the project are outlined in the application form accompanying this report (highlighted in page 2).

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 Following consultation with the Youth Manager for New Forest this funding request has the full support of the Youth Service.

7. Statements of Support

7.1 This application has majority support of the New Forest HAT Members and supports partnership working in the locality.

8. Recommendation

8.1 That £5,000 of funding be awarded to Fordingbridge and District Community Association from the New Forest HAT Community Budget to extend a youth facility from one night to two nights 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):	

Other Significant Links**IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:****1. Equalities Impact Assessment:**

1.1 The Friday Night Drop in based at the Avonway Community Centre in Fordingbridge, prior to this facility, young people had no safe and appropriate place to go in the evenings. The Friday Night Drop in facility has provided such a place for teenagers and has been a successful project with 15-30 teenagers now dropping in.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

2.1 The activities run by this project provide positive opportunities for youth engagement in the area and supports the initiatives of the local Community Safety Partnership. Since the establishment of the drop in centre, anti social behaviour and vandalism has reduced in the area on Friday nights.

3. Climate Change:

- a) How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?
- b) How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?

There are no impacts arising from this report.