

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Communities and International Relations
Date:	31 January 2011
Title:	Funding request to contribute towards Chestnut Avenue Cycleway via the Hampshire Action Team for Eastleigh and Fareham
Reference:	2500
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 £8,000 as a contribution towards Chestnut Avenue Cycleway Scheme to implement a missing link in the Eastleigh Borough strategic cycle route network. These monies to be met from the Eastleigh and Fareham HAT Community Budget.

2. Contextual information

2.1. The project will be delivered by Hampshire Highways within the Environment Department.

2.2. The HAT funding will provide sufficient top-up funding to deliver the project in the timescales detailed within the application.

2.3. The project meets the HAT Terms of Reference under Highways and Transportation priorities by addressing an identified local need for cycle path provision.

3. Finance

3.1 The total funding allocation available to the Eastleigh and Fareham HAT is £110,000.

3.2 The amount remaining following previous successful applications is £31,100.

3.3 The amount of funding requested for this project is £8,000 and the details are set out in the application form accompanying this report.

4. Legal Implications

- 4.1. Pursuant to Section 111 of the Local Government Act 1972 the County Council has the power to do anything which is calculated to facilitate or is conducive or incidental to the discharge of any of its functions. The County Council is empowered to incur the proposed expenditure by virtue of Section 111.

5. Monitoring

- 5.1 The intended outcomes of the project are outlined in the application form accompanying this report. 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 total support of the whole HAT.
- 7.2. Officers within Hampshire Highways support the application and commented that the proposed cycle route along the Chestnut Avenue corridor is listed in the Eastleigh Borough Council Transport Scheme Inventory as a high priority, which is a prioritised and adopted list of local transport schemes and is also listed in the Hampshire County Council Transport Contributions Policy list. The cycle link will enhance the strategic cycle route network as identified in the Borough's Cycle Strategy and improve the cycle and pedestrian links between Southampton, Chandler's Ford and Eastleigh. This will improve the accessibility to local schools, employment and local centres, in particular access to Eastleigh town centre and the Colleges.
- 7.3. The Executive Member for Environment supports the application.

8. Recommendation

- 8.1. That the Executive Member for Communities and International Relations approves a sum of £8,000 as a contribution towards Chestnut Avenue Cycleway Scheme, from the Eastleigh and Fareham Hampshire Action Team Community Budget for 2010/11 only, with no expectation of funding 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):	

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

1.1. There are no adverse implications.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

2.1. There are no adverse implications.

3. Climate Change:

a) How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?

This project will help encourage cycling, a sustainable and carbon-free method of transport.

b) How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?

Please see above.