

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Member For Communities and International Relations
Date:	14 February 2011
Title:	Funding request from Gosport Borough Council via the Hampshire Action Team for Gosport
Reference:	2606
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 £12,600 to Gosport Borough Council to fund a participatory budget event named "You Decide" for Rowner and Grange wards of Gosport from the Gosport HAT Community Budget.

1.2. You Decide is a participatory budget initiative intended to support small projects of local priority that aim to make improvements to local neighbourhoods so that they are better, safer places to live. The scheme could support a wide range of projects including

- Environmental such as skips for neighbourhood clean ups or a community garden.
- Positive activities for young people
- Purchase of safety equipment such as security locks for a garage block
- Improving safety to community buildings through repairs
- Promoting a healthier lifestyle away from alcohol, drugs or crime

2. Contextual information

2.1. The scheme will directly involve local people in making decisions on the priorities and spending for a proportion of the Gosport HAT Community budget. Applications will be invited from Grange and Rowner Wards which have been identified by Gosport HAT members as an area of geographic focus due to it experiencing the greatest levels of deprivation (5 Local Super Output Area's (LSOAs) in the 20% most deprived in England).

- 2.2. All applications will be checked prior to the public event to ensure that applications are deliverable and meet the criteria.
- 2.3. Gosport HAT has funded a previous You Decide event focused on Town, Leesland and Christchurch wards. This was very successful and HAT Members are keen to fund another event in another area of great deprivation within Gosport.
- 2.2. Gosport HAT has supported a Neighbourhood Management Initiative in Rowner and this initiative would have excellent fit with ongoing work within this ward.
- 2.3. The invitation to put forward proposals will set out the role of the HAT in supporting local communities to tackle the economic, social and health inequalities that are most important to them.

3. Finance

- 3.1. The total funding allocation available to the Gosport HAT is £100,000
- 3.2. The amount remaining following previous successful applications is £19,667.
- 3.3. The amount of funding requested for this project is set out in the application form accompanying this report. £12,000 would be decided by local residents at the You Decide Event. £600 is a contribution to promotion and event costs which will be shared with Gosport Borough Council.

4. Legal Implications

- 4.1. The County Council has the power under Section 56 of the Local Government Act 1958 to make contributions to the expenditure of a District or Borough Council in Hampshire.

5. Monitoring

- 4.1. The intended outcomes of the project are outlined in the application form accompanying this report.
- 4.2. 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. Once completed applications are received for the Participatory Budget event, the HAT will go through all applications to ensure they meet the HAT terms of reference. Any application which do not meet this criteria will not be taken forward to the event.

7. Statements of Support

- 7.1. The HAT is very supportive of this new and innovative project. Councillor Snaith-Tempia, Executive Member for Culture and Recreation is a member of the Gosport HAT and supports this application.
- 7.2 The senior manager from the County Council's Culture, Communities and Rural Affairs Department confirms his support for the project on the basis that Participatory Budget aims to increase transparency, accountability, understanding and social inclusion in local government affairs. The event run in the Town Ward had been hugely successful generating a range of locally led schemes and significant public interest and engagement.

8. Recommendation

- 8.1. That £12,600 of funding be awarded to Gosport Borough Council from the Gosport HAT 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):	

Other Significant Links

This initiative supports locality working in Gosport. It has the support of Gosport Borough Council and the Community Safety Team as well as the HAT. It builds upon a similar successful initiative which was focused on Town and immediately surrounding wards. This project is focused along the HAT Terms of Reference and the geographical ward identified by Members as a priority area.

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

1.1. There are no adverse implications.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

2.1. This initiative will have a positive impact on helping to levels of crime, disorder and the fear of crime.

3. Climate Change:

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

The project has no significant detrimental impact to climate change.

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