

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member – Economic Development and Rural Affairs
<b>Date:</b>	28 June 2011
<b>Title:</b>	Update on Kingsclere Children's and Young People's Centre
<b>Reference:</b>	3056
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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#### 1. The decision:

- a) That the Kingsclere Children's and Young People's Centre project be advised that the allocation of £100,000 from the South East England Development Agency Small Rural Towns Fund will be recommended for re-allocated to other qualifying projects if the necessary match funding is not secured by 31 July 2011.
- b) That authority be delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment, in consultation with the Executive Member for Economic Development and Rural Affairs, to recommend the re-allocation of funding to other Hampshire rural town partnership(s) which fulfil the required conditions, have a suitable project with match funding, and can spend the money before 31 March 2012.
- c) That any other town partnership applying for a grant from this remaining sum in so doing complies with the terms and conditions, agreed by the South East Rural Towns Partnership, applicable to the Small Rural Towns Fund for the period April 2011 to March 2012.

#### 2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. A grant of £100,000 was allocated from the South East England Development Agency (SEEDA) Small Rural Towns Fund by the Hampshire Market Towns Partnership in May 2009 to build a Children's and Young People's Centre in Kingsclere, with the proviso that sufficient match funding must be raised to cover the full costs. Kingsclere was going to use the Private, Voluntary and Independent (PVI) funding allocated to Children's Services as match funding but as this has now been withdrawn the project cannot go ahead without alternative match funding.

2.2. The Kingsclere team has been given the benefit of eight months in which to find replacement match funding, without success to date.

2.3. If the remaining £100,000 is not spent by 31 March 2012 it is likely that SEEDA will claw back this funding. In order to allow these funds to be spent before then, the Market Towns Manager needs to recommence work with other interested rural town partnerships in order to assist them through the application and project delivery process.

**3. Conflicts of interest:**

3.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: none.

3.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: none.

**4. Dispensation granted by the Standards Committee: none.**

**5. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.**

**6. Statement from the Decision Maker:**

**Approved by:**

**Date:**

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**28 June 2011**

**Executive Member for Economic Development and  
Rural Affairs  
Councillor R J Ellis**