

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
<b>Date:</b>	27 October 2011
<b>Title:</b>	Funding for the County Council's Rural Delivery Strategy
<b>Reference:</b>	3307
<b>Report From:</b>	County Treasurer

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#### 1. The decision:

- a) That the Executive Member for Policy and Resources approves a one off sum of £200,000 for the Rural Delivery Strategy in 2011/12 to be met from the Corporate Policy Reserve.

#### 2. Reason(s) for the decision:

- 2.1. This decision is required to enable grants to be provided during the current financial year to support the rural delivery strategy.

#### 3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. This funding is provided on a one off basis each year, it is not part of the recurring budget of the County Council. One option could be to stop the funding for these grants.
- 3.2. This option has been rejected as it would not contribute to the delivery of the rural strategy and it would mean that matched funding investment by the private sector and individuals would be lost. The grant funding also encourages partnership working in rural communities and contributes to economic development in these areas, which may be significantly reduced if the funding is not made available.

#### 4. Conflicts of interest:

- 4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None.
- 4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: None.

5. Dispensation granted by the Standards Committee: none.
6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.
7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

**Approved by:**

**Date:**

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**27 October 2011**

**Executive Member for Policy and Resources  
Councillor T K Thornber**