

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Executive Decision Record**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Communities and International Relations
Date:	11 March 2011
Title:	Funding request for The Point Youth Centre via the Hampshire Action Team for Hart and Rushmoor
Reference:	2672
Report From:	Chief Executive

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1. The decision:

1.1 That the Executive Member for Communities and International Relations approves a sum of £1,800 to be awarded to The Point Youth Centre for a SMART music project for young people in Fleet via the Hart and Rushmoor Hampshire Action Team Community Budget for 2010/11 only, with no expectation of funding for future years.

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

2.1 The project meets numerous point of the HATs terms of reference, especially those related to young people. The project, in its 3 years has already;

- Improved mental and emotional health for children and young people
- contributed to the reduction of the number of teenage pregnancies
- Most certainly reduced the gap in achievements and life chances of the most vulnerable young people with over 40 music grades being achieved in 3 years.
- Improved the life chances of those 16-19 year olds at risk of underachievement by offering opportunity to achieve musically, thus demonstrating to them they are able to achieve
- Improved skills by raising basic skills and moving people up the skills ladder
- Improve community engagement – the project is supported by parent, local partners and parents and has a concert annually for everyone interested in the project.

2.2 Young people with learning difficulties and social difficulties which hampers their engagement, SMART Music offers them a safe, welcoming environment which supports their participation and achievements.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1 None

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:

11 March 2011

**Executive Member for Communities and International
Relations
Councillor K. Mans**