

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Decision Report**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Communities and International Relations
Date:	31 January 2011
Title:	Funding request for Environmental Improvements at Forton Road, Gosport via the Hampshire Action Team for Gosport.
Reference:	2486
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 £10,000 as a contribution towards Phase 2 of the Regeneration Of Older Urban Area (ROUA) project at Forton Road, Gosport for Environmental Improvements around St John's Church. The monies to be met from Gosport HAT Community Budget.

2. Contextual information

2.1. The Landscape Planning and Heritage Team with Hampshire County Council's Environment Department lead on ROUA Projects. The ROUA Project at Forton Road, Gosport has been planned for several years.

2.2. The first phase focused on Trafalgar Square and St Edwards Terrace commences in January 2011. The second phase relates to the frontage of St John's Church. This will enhance the environment of the church and adjoining buildings, as well as improving pedestrian access in the area. This application relates to this phase and full details are included within the application. The third phase relates to Highway improvements and is dependent on Developers Contributions of £100,000 being received.

2.3. Improvements within the public highway will be maintained by the Highway Authority (Hampshire County Council) and works within the curtilage of St John's church will be maintained by the church.

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 £37,965.

3.3 The amount of funding requested for this project is £10,000 and the details are set out in the application form accompanying this report.

3.1. Phase 2 will be funded by the HAT to which this application refers, together with part of the £100,000 capital funding (which is for both phases 2 and 3). The release of the capital funding has been agreed by the Director of Environment.

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 and supports the ROUA project as a whole.

7.2 Senior Officers within the Environment are supportive of the ROUA initiative which has been an aspiration for a number of years and has been planned in consultation with local members and residents of the area.

7.1. The Executive Member for Environment is supportive of the scheme.

8. Recommendation

8.1. That the Executive Member for Communities and International Relations approves a sum of £10,000 to be awarded as a contribution towards Phase 2 of the Regeneration Of Older Urban Area (ROUA) project at Forton Road, Gosport for Environmental Improvements around St John's Church, from the Gosport 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. This project will make environmental enhancements to the area which should help reduce levels of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour.

3. Climate Change:

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

This project has no detrimental impact on 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?

Please see above.