

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Communities and International Relations
Date:	31 January 2011
Title:	Funding request from The Friends of Leesland Park for Social Seating via the Hampshire Action Team for Gosport
Reference:	2488
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 £2,968 for 5 benches for social seating in Leesland Park. The monies to be met from Gosport HAT Community Budget.

2. Contextual information

- 2.1. A public consultation was carried out at the Summer Festival 2009. As a result of this, The Friends of Leesland Park have identified the need for additional seating in the park from a number of sources. A copy of this report was provided to HAT Members.
- 2.2. Enquiries have been made with Gosport Borough Council who are happy with this application and will have responsibility for any ongoing maintenance of the seating. The Borough will provide the specification for the installation work and these will need to be undertaken by a Gosport Borough Council approved Contractor. The seating locations will be agreed with the Local Ward Councillors.

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 £2,968 and the details are set out in the application form accompanying this report.
- 3.4 Enquiries have been made to verify that the Friends of Leesland Park is a bona fide organisation.

4. Legal Implications

4.1 The County Council has the power under S137 (3) of the Local Government Act 1972 to incur expenditure on contributions to any of the following funds,

(a) the funds of any charitable body in furtherance of its work in the United Kingdom;

(b) the funds of any body which provides any public service (whether to the public at large or to any section of it) in the United Kingdom otherwise than for the purposes of gain; Friends of Leesland Park is a voluntary body providing a public service otherwise than for gain and is therefore eligible for a grant under S137 (3)"

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.

7.2 The Executive Member for Culture and Recreation is part of the Gosport HAT and supports this application.

7.3 The senior officer from Culture, Communities and Rural Affairs attached to HATs is supportive of the application and feels it will improve the amenity value of the parks' open space.

8. Recommendation

8.1. That the Executive Member for Communities and International Relations approves a sum of £2,968 for social seating in Leesland Park, 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. There are no adverse implications.

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.