

**HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL****Decision Report**

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
<b>Date:</b>	10 July 2012
<b>Title:</b>	Capital Receipt from the sale of the former Bedhampton Arts Centre
<b>Reference:</b>	4074
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services

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## **1. Executive Summary**

1.1. Following the re-provision of Arts Services to the Spring in Havant the former Bedhampton Arts Centre was declared surplus to operational requirements by the Executive Member for Policy and Resources on 4 November 2010.

## **2. Contextual information**

2.1. Further to the decision to dispose of the property, an alternative community use was put forward by the Bedhampton Activity and Heritage Centre (BAHC) Steering Group. The business plan submitted by the group in support of their proposal was given careful consideration. Regrettably, the proposals were not considered viable without the need for considerable ongoing County Council support. On this basis the Executive Member agreed to market the property and subsequently, on 26 January 2011, approved the sale.

2.2. The sale of the property has now completed, and in accordance with the undertaking given by the Executive Member that any proceeds from the sale should be reinvested within the Bedhampton Community, this report outlines the proposed use of the capital receipt.

2.3. Following discussion with the local County Councillor a list of six projects that would enhance community provision in the Bedhampton/Leigh Park area are brought forward for consideration.

## **3. Projects and Finance**

3.1. The projects are shown in the table below:

<u>Proposed Work</u>	<u>Estimate £000s</u>
Bidbury Mead Sports Pavilion – refurbishment	100
Updating Bidbury Mead play park	50
Replacement turf at Bedhampton Bowling Club	60
Toilet facilities at Staunton Country Park	100
Cycle, walking and bridge by the Hermitage stream	85
Contingency	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>400</b>

#### **4. Implementation**

4.1. In order to progress the projects outlined in paragraph 3.1 it is proposed that funding by way of grant is made available to the relevant management organisation. Release of funds would be subject to the County Council's usual grant procedures. For the two projects that the County Council would organise itself (Staunton Country Park and the Hermitage Stream) funding would need to be added to the relevant minor works programme and be subject to the normal project approvals.

4.2. One further project, to provide an island outside Keats House, was proposed. It is hoped that this work can be progressed as a routine highway project.

#### **5. Summary**

5.1. The projects identified in paragraph 3.1 would make a significant and improved contribution to community facilities in the Bedhampton and Leigh Park area. The local member has consulted with the local community in recommending the projects that the capital receipt from the sale of the former Bedhampton Arts Centre could be invested in.

#### **6. Recommendation(s)**

6.1. The Executive Member for Policy and Resources approves the reinvestment of the capital receipt from the sale of the former Bedhampton Arts Centre into the minor works outlined in paragraph 3.1.

**CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:****Links to the Corporate Strategy**

<b>Hampshire safer and more secure for all:</b>	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
<b>Maximising well-being:</b>	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
<b>Enhancing our quality of place:</b>	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	

**Other Significant Links**

<b>Links to previous Member decisions:</b>		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Date</u>
The former Bedhampton Arts Centre - Options for the Future	2208	04.11.2010
Former Bedhampton Arts Centre, Havant	690	26.01.2011
<b>Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives</b>		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	

**Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents**

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

DocumentLocation

None

## **IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:**

### **1. Equalities Impact Assessment:**

- 1.1. An equalities impact assessment has been considered in the development of this report and no adverse impact has been identified.

### **2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:**

- 2.1. The County Council has a legal obligation under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to consider the impact of all the decisions it makes on the prevention of crime. The proposals in this report have no impact on the prevention of crime.

### **3. Climate Change:**

- 3.1. There will be no impact on our carbon footprint or energy consumption.

**FEEDBACK FROM CONSULTEES:****OTHER EXECUTIVE MEMBERS:**

<b>Executive Member &amp; Portfolio</b>	<b>Reason for Consultation</b>	<b>Date Consulted</b>	<b>Response:</b>

**OTHER FORMAL CONSULTEES:**

<b>Member/ Councillor</b>	<b>Reason for Consultation</b>	<b>Date Consulted</b>	<b>Response:</b>
Councillor Fairhurst	Local Member for Bedhampton and Leigh Park	15.06.12	Cllr Fairhurst supports the report.