

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Decision Report

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
<b>Date of Decision:</b>	24 July 2014
<b>Decision Title:</b>	Grants to Voluntary Organisations and Other Bodies
<b>Decision Reference:</b>	5921
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Policy and Governance - Corporate Services

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#### 1. **Executive Summary**

- 1.1 The purpose of this paper is to consider applications received for financial assistance from the Policy and Resources budget. Details of these requests are outlined in Appendix 2 to this report.

#### 2. **Budget Position**

- 2.1 The balance available for allocation from the 2014/15 grant budget at 24 July 2014 is £174,679, after grants approved at the last decision day, commitments made in previous years and sums earmarked for specific purposes.

#### 3. **Grants Criteria**

- 3.1 A copy of the criteria used for considering grants from the Policy and Resources grants budgets are attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

#### 4. **Legal Implications**

- 4.1 Subject to certain restrictions, the County Council has the power under Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 to do anything that individuals generally may do including the power to give grants.

#### 5. **Recommendation:**

- 5.1 That grants totalling £4,110 in this financial year and £17,000 from April 2015 for a period of three years be awarded from the Policy and Resources grants budget as outlined in Appendix 2 of this report.

**CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**

## Links to the Corporate Strategy

5.2 Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	No
Corporate Business plan link number (if appropriate):	
5.3 Maximising well-being:	Yes
Corporate Business plan link number (if appropriate):	
5.4 Enhancing our quality of place:	Yes
Corporate Business plan link number (if appropriate):	

**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

Application forms received from organisations

Director of Policy and Governance - Corporate Services

## **IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:**

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

1.1 The application procedure includes equalities monitoring information as agreed as part of the corporate review of grants programmes and procedures. Further information can be found on individual requests.

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

2.1. The County Council has an obligation under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to consider the impact of all decisions it makes on the prevention of crime. The proposals in this report aim to improve the wellbeing of Hampshire residents and reduce the risk of crime occurring.

### **3. Climate Change**

3.1. The initiatives proposed support the culture of self help and self reliance which may have been impacted by climate change.

## **FUNDING CRITERIA FOR THE POLICY AND RESOURCES GRANTS**

The following criteria should be taken into consideration when preparing a submission for funding. They are intended as guidelines and not prescriptive rules

1. Assistance will be considered only in response to direct applications from properly constituted organisations seeking assistance. You must show in your application that your organisation is properly and legally organised and has its own bank account.
2. Where appropriate, applications will be referred to the relevant service department (e.g. Adult Services, Culture, Communities and Business Services, Children's Services, etc.) for consideration.
3. Preference will be given to applications for specific projects or activities rather than general running costs of organisations. These grants are not intended to replace shortfalls in service delivery budgets or replace funding for other support you may be able to obtain, or that you have obtained from us in the past.
4. Grants will not usually be made in respect of applications from the following:-
  - District or Parish Councils
  - Government Institutions
  - Schools
  - Overseas and out of County organisations which have no direct Hampshire involvement
  - Branches or organisations assisted centrally with a sum from the County Council
  - Bodies requesting funds for onward distribution to other charities e.g. mayoral appeals, carnivals, fetes, or for their own fundraising events.
5. Applications will not be accepted from political parties or groups affiliated with a political party or from lobbying/campaigning organisations.
6. Applications will only be considered from faith groups who can demonstrate their facilities are open and used by the local community other than for church related activities and then only for works in relation to the Disability Discrimination Act.
7. Requests may be considered from County wide groups (e.g. Guides, Scouts, Hampshire County Youth Orchestra) for specific trips, e.g. for an international jamboree or cultural tour. Individual requests will not usually be considered.
8. Where possible self-help within organisations should be encouraged and to this end, grants are normally a percentage of the sum required to complete the project.
9. As a general rule, grants in excess of £5,000 will not be awarded.
10. In general only award grants to projects which are taking place in the same year as application for funds

**THE MARITIME WORKSHOP, GOSPORT (CG00006338)****PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT**

The Maritime Workshop in Gosport aims to preserve, restore and maintain historic ships, yachts and boats using traditional materials and techniques. Its membership comprises close to 200 local volunteers, a professional shipwright and apprentice shipwrights.

Funding from the County Council would contribute to resurfacing the slipway resulting in the need to hire a mobile crane to lift boats out of the water.

**Total Expenditure:** £4,680 (concrete £2,600; steel mesh and reinforcement £1,450; hardcore £630)

**Total Income:** £3,000 (volunteer labour)

**Shortfall:** £1,680

**APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:**

Director of Policy and Governance – Corporate Services

**AMOUNT OF REQUEST:**

£1,680

**GRANTS PREVIOUSLY AWARDED BY OTHER EXECUTIVE MEMBERS AND CONSIDERATION GIVEN BY OTHER LOCAL MEMBERS****This budget:**

2013/14 - £5,000 – refit of Steam Pinnacle 199

**CCBS budget:**

2012/13 - £4,600 – Museums Partnership funding

**COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER**

The local members, Councillors Graham Burgess, Carter, Edgar, Chegwyn and Cully support this application.

**GENERAL COMMENTS****Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services:**

The Maritime Workshop has been supported previously by the County Council and undertakes specialist maritime heritage restoration schemes. A visit in 2012 demonstrated good support for apprentices and specialist shipwright skills and this bid seems to be an opportunity for the Workshop to help sustain itself. A grant would be reasonable on this occasion.

Should a grant be awarded, they would need to obtain the relevant planning and associated consents for this project and any monies should be awarded on these being obtained.

**RECOMMENDATION**

£1,680

**THRUXTON PARISH COUNCIL (CG00006343)****PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT**

Thrupton Parish Council wishes to contribute to the overall appearance of its village by providing planters for bulbs and flowers, especially at its entrances to add colour and beauty. An award will contribute to enhancement of the village's appearance sponsored by a "Sparkle Day" promoted by Test Valley Borough Council.

It is intended to source the planters from a local carpentry/reclamation business and for planting and maintenance of the planters to be provided by local gardening club members. The village's children will be encouraged to participate in their upkeep and maintenance and their presence will also be promoted during the annual village produce show.

**Total Expenditure:** £900

**Income:** £200 (own funds)

**Shortfall:** £700

**APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:**

Director of Policy and Governance – Corporate Services

**AMOUNT OF REQUEST:**

£700

**GRANTS PREVIOUSLY AWARDED BY OTHER EXECUTIVE MEMBERS AND CONSIDERATION GIVEN BY OTHER LOCAL MEMBERS**

This budget: Nil

2013/14: Councillor Pat West - £500 – towards defibrillator

**COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER:**

The local member, Councillor Pat West supports this application.

**GENERAL COMMENTS**

**Director of Policy and Governance – Corporate Services:** Test Valley Borough Council has not been approached for grant aid as they were advised by their local member to approach the County Council.

This budget is not usually used to award grants to parish councils as they have the ability to precept their funds and as such, a grant is not recommended on this occasion.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Nil

**NORTH BADDESLEY YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CLUB (CG00006169)****PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT**

North Baddesley Youth and Community Club is seeking grant aid towards its Learning Awareness and Building Skills Project.

The Club aims to engage the services of youth, arts and community development workers as well as volunteers who will run 25 workshops over a year-long period, to teach and enhance the skills of young people. A variety of vehicles will be utilised to bring about the desired outcomes including sports, the arts, literature, debates and discussions etc. Funding is being sought to purchase sport and arts equipment.

**Total Expenditure:** £4,000 (£1,800 staff costs and £2,200 purchase sports/arts equip)

**Total Income:** £2,000 (Awards for All)

**Shortfall:** £2,000

**APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:**

Director of Policy and Governance – Corporate Services

**AMOUNT OF REQUEST**

£2,000

**GRANTS PREVIOUSLY AWARDED BY OTHER EXECUTIVE MEMBERS AND CONSIDERATION GIVEN BY OTHER LOCAL MEMBERS**

12/13 - CCBS - £2,500 approved

12/13 - P&R - £1,600 approved

13/14 - CCBS - rejected

14/15 HIOW Community Safety (police) rejected

**COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER**

Councillor Dowden is the local member.

**GENERAL COMMENTS**

**Director of Children's Services:** The activity would not be a priority for Children's Services grant funding as it is not sufficiently targeted service for vulnerable young people.

**Director of Policy and Governance – Corporate Services:** The County Council is sympathetic towards their request but would expect the organisation to approach North Baddesley Parish Council and Test Valley Borough Council towards some of the above costs. It is therefore recommended that the Club approaches these Councils for grant aid and the County Council would reconsider their request.

**RECOMMENDATION**

No grant at this time and suggest the Club seeks grant aid from North Baddesley Parish Council and Test Valley Borough Council

**HAMBLEDON FLOOD ACTION GROUP****PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT**

Following the significant flooding of Hambledon earlier in the year, the village decided they would like to hold an event thanking all those agencies which assisted with the flooding problems. Those responding agencies, including the County Council, equally recognised the superb effort made by all members of the community in Hambledon, who pulled together to alleviate the problems.

Residents are seeking funding from the County Council towards the cost of holding a community day in the village.

**Total Expenditure:** £2,430

**Total Income:** £0

**Shortfall:** £2,430

**APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:**

Director of Policy and Governance – Corporate Services

**AMOUNT OF REQUEST:**

£2,430

**GRANTS PREVIOUSLY AWARDED BY OTHER EXECUTIVE MEMBERS AND CONSIDERATION GIVEN BY OTHER LOCAL MEMBERS**

**This budget:**

Nil

**COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER**

The local member is Councillor Roger Huxstep.

**GENERAL COMMENTS**

**Director of Policy and Governance – Corporate Services:** The flooding this winter caused considerable disruption in the village of Hambledon, which was flooded for 75 days with a significant number of residential properties affected.

In recognising the achievement of all those involved, a “one-off” grant of £2,000 is recommended.

**RECOMMENDATION**

£2,430

## **HAMPSHIRE GARDENS TRUST**

### **PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT**

Hampshire Gardens Trust (HGT) has over many years supported the County Council with a number of key projects across the County, particularly those with a historical garden significance. The Trust has also provided valuable help through its volunteers in researching and recording information relating to historic garden sites in Hampshire which is held on a data-base by the County Council. HGT has received an annual service fee of £17,000 to assist with this research and recording which is due to expire at the end of March 2015.

Recognising the support that the Trust gives to projects and schemes at sites which are within the County Council's own programmes and activities, it has requested that a contribution of £17,000 continues for a further 3 years from 1 April 2015 until 31 March 2018. The likely projects that the Trust will be involved with are site specific issues to be agreed with the County Council and other high profile projects including the new garden at Cathedral Close, renovation of the Capability Brown Garden at North Stoneham and the Physic Garden in Petersfield.

### **APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:**

Director of Policy and Governance – Corporate Services

### **AMOUNT OF REQUEST:**

£17,000 per annum for three years from April 2015.

### **GRANTS PREVIOUSLY AWARDED BY OTHER EXECUTIVE MEMBERS AND CONSIDERATION GIVEN BY OTHER LOCAL MEMBERS**

Hampshire Gardens Trust has received £17,000 per year for the period 2011 to 2014 as part of a service level agreement recognising the research and recording work completed with the Economy, Transport and Environment Department, which has been funded through ETE.

### **COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER**

This is a county-wide application and therefore there is no local member.

### **GENERAL COMMENTS**

**Director of Policy and Governance – Corporate Services:** Recognising the significant contribution made by HGT to safeguard the historic gardens in Hampshire and the work to support the Historic Parks and Gardens register and database (held by the County Council), the annual grant of £17,000 per year for three years from 1 April 2015 is supported.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

£17,000 per annum for three years from 1 April 2015