

REPORT OF THE
Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside
PART II

200. COUNTRY PARKS TRANSFORMATION – HERITAGE LOTTERY FUNDING

1. The ongoing Country Parks Transformation programme aims to develop a suite of modern 21st Century Country Parks and includes all of the parks owned and managed by Hampshire County Council. Through capital investment and external funding the parks will attract more people from Hampshire, and beyond, to visit more often, stay longer and want to come back.

2. The Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside is pleased to confirm that the first round application to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for Staunton Country Park has been successful. This will provide a development grant of £125,400 which will be used to progress a detailed bid to the HLF for a further £2.8million inwards investment to Hampshire next year. If successful, as anticipated, the programme will have succeeded the external funding target of £4.2m by £2m.

3. The funding will be used to make improvements across the site including:

- the restoration of the Grade II registered landscape
- renovation works to on site historic infrastructure
- transformation of the Victorian Coach House into a visitor centre
- construction of a café overlooking the lake
- a new training base for volunteers, including the Beacon Community Partnership, and
- improvements to the car parking facility.

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