

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member - Environment
Date:	9 March 2010
Title:	Grants to Environmental Service Providers for 2010-11
Reference:	1381
Report From:	Director of Environment

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1. The decision: **(PROPOSED)**

- (a) That the 2010/11 Environmental Service Providers funding be awarded to the following applicants:
- (i) Advice to Land Managers on environmental sustainability:
£15,000 to the Hampshire and Surrey Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group.
 - (ii) Support for the conservation of Historic Parks and Gardens, their sustainable management and the wider contribution they make to Hampshire communities:
£16,000 to the Hampshire Gardens Trust.
 - (iii) Supporting Hampshire County Council Schools Landscape Programme:
£16,000 to the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust.
- (b) That £30,000 be allocated as partnership funding for the East Hampshire Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.
- (c) That £20,000 be allocated as match funding with Hampshire's District and Borough Councils to support their work in reducing their local communities' carbon footprint.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. To secure the support and involvement of the community and voluntary sector in the provision of environmental services, in accordance with the guidance in the One Compact for Hampshire.

- 2.2. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to be active in their community, addressing the issues of climate change and sustainable living, protecting local distinctiveness and diversity, respecting Hampshire's heritage and planning pro-actively for the future.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Not to provide an Environmental Service Provider Grant Programme.

a) Risk Assessment: This option would impact on the County Council's ability to deliver its own aims and objectives in relation to communities, the environment and sustainable living.

- 3.2. Not to contribute match funding to the East Hampshire Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).

a) Risk assessment: this would impact on the level of match funding from Natural England to the AONB, which is provided at a ratio of 3:1 Natural England : Local Authorities. Reduction in funding to the core service provided by the AONB team would have a negative impact on its ability to deliver sustainable environmental and community initiatives on the ground.

- 3.3. Not to contribute match funding to Hampshire's District and Borough Councils to support their work in reducing their local communities' carbon footprint.

a) Risk assessment: this would impact on the County Council's own aims and objectives in relation to addressing the impacts of climate change and to encouraging and supporting sustainable communities.

4. Conflicts of interest:

- 4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: none.

- 4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: none.

5. Dispensation granted by the Standards Committee: none.

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by:

Date:

9 March 2010

**Executive Member for Environment
Councillor M J Kendal**