

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Member For Communities
Date:	27 September 2010
Title:	Funding request from Age Concern Hampshire to run the OPAL Village Agents Pilot via the Hampshire Action Team for Basingstoke and Deane
Reference:	2005
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 £10,000 for 2010/11 only to the OPAL Village Agents Pilot , which is a project supporting local communities for older people in at least two rural areas of Basingstoke and Deane.

2. Contextual information

- 2.1. The OPAL Village Agents Pilot will bridge the gap between services and local communities for older people in at least two rural areas of Basingstoke and Deane. These communities can often be isolated with high levels of social deprivation and poor transport links.
- 2.2. The project will use volunteers to support communities to become a trusted local presence and will facilitate making links to the information and services the communities need.
- 2.3. Checks have been made which verify that this is a bona fide organisation. Age Concern Hampshire is a registered Charity 290874.
- 2.4. The project has secured £20,000 from Hampshire County Council Policy and Resources Rural Delivery Fund to undertake the pilot in other rural areas in the county.

3. Finance

- 3.1 The total funding allocation available to the Basingstoke and Deane HAT is £70,000.
- 3.2 The amount remaining following previous successful applications is £56,000.

3.2 The amount of funding requested is £10,000 and the detail of the bid is set out in the application form accompanying this report (Appendix C).

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. Age Concern Hampshire is a registered Charity and 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 (highlighted in page 3).

5.2 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 to report.

7. Statements of Support

7.1 This application has the majority support of the Basingstoke and Deane HAT Members and supports partnership working in the locality. No HAT Members declared an interest when the funding bid was discussed at a HAT meeting on the 8 September 2010. (subject to HAT support).

7.2 Senior Officers in Adult Services are aware of this application and are in support of this project.

7.3 The Executive Lead Member for Adult Services, Councillor Hindson, has been consulted and commented that she supports the pilot which builds on the OPAL project to providing support for volunteers in rural areas of Basingstoke.

8. Recommendation

8.1. That £10,000 of funding be awarded to Age Concern Hampshire from the Basingstoke and Deane HAT Community Budget to support the OPAL Village Agents Pilot for 2010/11 only.

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):	

Other Significant Links**IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:****1. Equalities Impact Assessment:**

1.1. The OPAL Village Agents Project will bridge the gap between services and local communities for older people in at least two rural areas of Basingstoke and Deane. These communities can often be isolated, with high levels of social deprivation and poor transport links and this project will help make the links and signpost to information and services they need.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

2.1. There are no adverse impacts arising from this report.

3. Climate Change:

- a) How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?
- b) How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?

There are no impacts arising from this report.