

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Report

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| <b>Committee:</b>   | Culture, Communities and Rural Affairs Select Committee                 |
| <b>Date:</b>        | 22 April 2010   |
| <b>Title:</b>       | Partnership Funding to Independent Charitable Outdoor Centres – 2010/11 |
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| <b>Report From:</b> | Director of Culture, Communities and Rural Affairs                      |

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#### 1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. This report considers applications for partnership funding for 2010/11 from the six independent charitable Outdoor Centre providers (including the Hampshire Red Cross). Funding for Marwell Wildlife Education, also part of this group, will be considered in a separate future report. This report recommends the distribution of a total of £135,400 in 2010/11 as follows:

| Centre   | Amount<br>£ |
|--|-------------|
| Avon Tyrell Outdoor Centre, Ringwood                         | 6,400       |
| Countryside Education Trust, Beaulieu                        | 47,130      |
| Privett Centre, Privett, near Petersfield                    | 28,400      |
| Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee Activity Centre, Bursledon | 13,200      |
| British Red Cross, (Hampshire Branch)                        | 4,050       |
| Gilbert White Field Study Centre, Selborne                   | 36,220      |

#### 2. Background / Contextual Information:

- 2.1. The six identified organisations are invited to apply for annual partnership funding to assist them with their essential running costs, with base levels affirmed by the Select Committee Review of 2009. The support enables them to deliver outdoor education to Hampshire young people in support of the Hampshire Outdoor Service 2008/11 Strategy, CCRA Service Plan Themes and Priorities and in support of the Corporate Priorities, specifically relating to 'Enhancing our quality of place'.
- 2.2. A review of grant aided Outdoor Centre provision across Hampshire County Council was undertaken by the Culture and Community Scrutiny Committee in the summer of 2008, agreed by the Executive Member for Policy & Resources in January 2009, and this set the funding base line and criteria for future assessment (Para. 3)

- 2.3. The 'score sheet' (see appendix 1) sets out specific criteria and has been used to assess the contribution of each centre for 2010/11 in to overall Corporate Priorities. In addition, each centre has submitted a comprehensive application form setting out their operational and budget situations. Summary Business Plans exist for each centre. In addition, each centre is being encouraged to seek other funding opportunities. A summary of all the partnership funding applications is set out in appendix 2 with recommended funding levels.

**3. Budget Position:**

- 3.1. The base budget provision for this partnership funding in 2010/11 is £135,400.

**4. Criteria of Grant:**

- a. Strategic fit with Corporate Priorities
- b. Strategic fit with Educational/Children's Services Priorities
- c. Fit with centres provided by HCC
- d. Value for money as measured by the level of subsidy apparently provided by HCC
- e. The vigour with which the centre appears to improve its level of income from sources other than HCC
- f. Culture of innovation in course development/outdoor experience and delivery

**5. Other Considerations:**

- 5.1. It is affirmed that these grants contribute significantly to services for Young People provided by Hampshire County Council.
- 5.2. It is affirmed that the overall work of the centres noted contributes significantly to the outcomes explicit within the 'Children, Young People and Families' Theme within the CCRA Business Plan for 2010 onwards, specifically:
- a. The 'universal service' is developed in response to the needs of CYP & families
  - b. There are increased levels of participation by under-represented groups
  - c. Children in care, disabled children and socially disadvantaged groups have improved opportunities for personal development and to take part in leisure and recreational activities

**6. Recommendations:**

- 6.1. That the Executive Member for Culture and Recreation approves the above partnership funding recommendations for 2010/11.

**CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**

**Links to the Corporate Strategy**

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

| <u>Document</u>   | <u>Location</u>         |
|---|-------------------------|
| Grant Application Forms   | Mottisfont Court – CCRA |
| Select Committee - Charitable Outdoor Centres Final Report 2009 | Mottisfont Court – CCRA |

**CRITERIA FOR PARTNERSHIP FUNDING:**

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| <b>Centre: charitable outdoor centre _____</b>  |  |
| <i>Criteria</i>   |  |
| <b>Strategic fit with Corporate Priorities</b>  |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maximising wellbeing, Enhancing our quality of place</li> </ul>  |  |
| <b>Strategic fit with Educational/Children’s Services Priorities</b>  |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eg. Children at risk of exclusion / Children in care / Special needs</li> <li>•</li> </ul>   |  |
| <b>Fit with Centres provided by HCC</b>   |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Either the degree to which the centre complements HCC centres, or the degree to which the centre adds needed capacity vis-à-vis HCC centres</li> </ul> |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Degree to which the centre’s location helps improve access for all localities in Hampshire</li> </ul>  |  |
| <b>Value for money as measured by the level of subsidy apparently provided by HCC</b><br>(using an approximate unit of ‘per person’, ‘per session’)   |  |
| <b>The vigour with which the centre appears to improve its level of income from sources other than HCC</b>  |  |
| <b>Culture of innovation in course development/outdoor experience and delivery</b>  |  |
| <b>Note:</b>  |  |
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**DETAILS OF PARTNERSHIP FUNDING APPLICATIONS:**

| <b>Centre</b>                                     | <b>Number of HCC young people 2009/10</b> | <b>Type of work undertaken</b>   | <b>Funding 2009/10 (£)</b> | <b>Recommended funding 2010/11 (£)</b> | <b>Notes</b>  |
|---|---|--|----------------------------|--|---|
| Avon Tyrell Outdoor Centre                        | 2580 Residential and day Use              | Outdoor Environmental education  | 6300                       | 6400                                   | Funding applied just to the Environmental Education Unit. Overall AT provides a very wide range of youth based opportunities, including socially disadvantaged and YP at risk groups. The local member for Ringwood, Councillor Steve Rippon-Swaine, has been consulted   |
| Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee Activity Centre | 5700 Day Use activities and Residential   | Outdoor activities with Hampshire young people and adults with special needs | 13010                      | 13200                                  | The only centre with facilities for severely disabled young people. Has had a very successful year, with expansion in both activities and group numbers. The local member for Hamble, Councillor Keith House, has been consulted, and supports the recommendation.  |
| Countryside Education Trust, Beaulieu             | 9517 Residential and Day Use              | Field studies and environmental education. Community education               | 46530                      | 47130                                  | Has a broad community education remit, extending well beyond formal education, and including YP at risk. The member for Brockenhurst, Councillor Ken Thornber, has been consulted, and supports the recommendation.   |
| Gilbert White Study Centre                        | 2967 Day Use                              | Field studies and environmental education                                    | 35750                      | 36220                                  | Part of Gilbert White House Museum. Has undergone a fundamental review of structure and activity in 2009, and now has a new Business Plan and focus on real integration of both the Museum and the Field centre. The member for Alton Rural, Councillor Mark Kemp-Gee, has been consulted and strongly supports the recommendation  |
| Privett Centre                                    | 881 Residential and Day Use               | Residential and life skills for children with special needs and disabilities | 28060                      | 28400                                  | Specific focus on Children with Special Educational Needs, and the provision of opportunities for small Primary Schools. Quite unique in terms of Hampshire provision. Has recently installed a new and modern kitchen, Fire safety equipment and play equipment for disabled YP. The member for Petersfield Hangers, Councillor Vaughan Clarke, has been consulted, and supports the recommendation. |
| Red Cross – Hampshire Branch                      | 15000                                     | Training in First Aid skills for young people                                | 4000                       | 4050                                   | Works with most HCC secondary schools, youth groups, PRUs and voluntary bodies working with young people. The trust operates county wide, and thus there is no available comment from a local member.   |