

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Communities and International Relations
Date:	4 November 2010
Title:	Policy and Resources Community Strategy budget (community safety element)
Reference:	2204
Report From:	Chief Executive

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1. Executive Summary

1.1 The purpose of this paper is to approve grants and allocations from the Policy and Resources Community Strategy budget (community safety element) to :

- a) The Bobby Trust
- b) The Hampton Trust
- c) New Forest Community Safety Partnership
- d) The Hampshire Interfaith Network.
- e) the Asian Welfare and Cultural Association

2. Contextual information

2.1 The Executive Member Policy and Resources has delegated authority to the Executive member for Communities and International Relations to allocate £50,000 of the Community Strategy budget to support safe and strong communities.

3. Finance

3.1 To complement the partnership commissioning budget for safe and strong communities agreed by the Cabinet, a number of specific projects are presented for approval as one-off payments in 2010/11 as follows:

3.2 a grant to the Bobby Trust of **£9,000** by way of a contribution to the cost of their services which support victims of property crime, reducing repeat

victimisation and supporting the well-being of vulnerable older people. The Trust have also received support in 2010 from the Safe and Strong Communities budget prepared by the Hampshire County Strategy Group for Crime and Disorder and approved by Cabinet. On behalf of the partnership, the County Council's Adult Services Supporting People Team has previously reviewed the Bobby Trust services and concluded there is scope for collaboration between the work of the Trust and the services of Home Improvement Agencies commissioned by local authorities. For this reason the recommendation of the County Strategy Group for Crime and Disorder is to phase out contributions from the Safe and Strong Communities budget over three years and subject to budget availability.

- 3.3 a grant of **£14,000** to the Hampton Trust to support the ADAPT domestic abuse perpetrator programme. This complements the range of domestic abuse services being developed through the joint commissioning process. The ADAPT scheme is currently the only programme in the county for perpetrators with referrals from agencies and self referrals. It is part of an approach to working with the whole family to reduce the very high risks posed by perpetrators to existing and potential future partners.
- 3.4 a grant of **£10,000** to the New Forest Community Safety Partnership to fund the second year operation of the Forest Watch Scheme. This two year project was supported in 2009/10 as a pilot initiative to address the nature of crime in rural areas including:
- fly tipping, anti-social use of motor vehicles, quad bikes, 4x4s and cars
 - wildlife crime including damage to ancient woodland/ SSSIs
 - bat persecution, poaching, fishing, birds of prey, crop and fence damage
 - arson and unauthorised fires.

The Environment Agency are contributing £10,000 per year to the project and there are in-kind resources and operational funds provided by the Forestry Commission, Hampshire Fire & Rescue Service, Natural England, and Hampshire Constabulary.

- 3.5 The project is ensuring a co-ordinated response by partners to addressing these problems including local authorities, the National Park Authority, the Environment Agency, Police Country Watch, Fire & Rescue Service, Natural England and landowners including the Forestry Commission. A review of progress in year 1 is available.
- 3.6 an allocation of **£10,000** to support the development of the work of the Hampshire Interfaith Network. This body promotes better understanding, mutual support and community cohesion. This will include supporting the network meetings, the production of the Interfaith Calendar and the Young People's Network in Basingstoke.
- 3.7 an allocation of **£5,000** to the Hampshire Interfaith Network to support the PREVENT strategy for addressing violent extremism by drawing together young people from different faiths and cultural background to work together

through a series of workshops on environmental science. This will be undertaken in partnership with the University of Winchester and the Youth of Peace Interfaith Group (Basingstoke).

- 3.8 a grant of **£1,000** to the Asian Welfare and Cultural Association towards the cost of organising the 2010 Eastleigh Mela held in the centre of Eastleigh town as part of a three day community festival. The Executive Member for Culture and Recreation has also made a grant of £4,000 towards this event.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 To approve the following one-off grants and allocations from the Policy and Resources Community Strategy budget (community safety element) for 2010/11 only, and with no expectation in future years:
- a) a grant to the Bobby Trust of **£9,000**
 - b) a grant of **£14,000** to the Hampton Trust to support the ADAPT domestic abuse perpetrator programme.
 - c) a grant of **£10,000** to the New Forest Community Safety Partnership to fund the second year operation of the Forest Watch Scheme.
 - d) an allocation of **£10,000** to support the development of the work of the Hampshire Interfaith Network and a further allocation of **£5,000** to the Hampshire Interfaith Network specifically to support the PREVENT strategy.
 - e) A grant of **£1,000** to the Asian Welfare and Cultural Association towards the cost of organising the Eastleigh Mela.

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

Links to previous Member decisions:		
<u>Title</u> Grant allocations from the Community Strategy Budget (Community Safety element)	<u>Reference</u> 1007	<u>Date</u> 28 Oct 2009
Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	

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>
None	

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equalities Impact Assessment:

The allocation to the Interfaith Network and Eastleigh Mela specifically aimed at promoting diversity equality, respect and understanding. The grant to the Hampton Trust will be accompanied by conditions in relation to monitoring the equality of access to services.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

Initiatives specifically support specific community safety priorities for Hampshire.

3. Climate Change:

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