

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Member For Communities and International Relations		
Date:	11 March 2011		
Title:	Funding request from New Forest District Council via the Hampshire Action Team for New Forest		
Reference:	2640		
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 £2,500 to New Forest District Council on behalf of the New Forest Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership to provide resources for crime prevention work, via the Hampshire Action Team for New Forest.

2. Contextual Information

2.1 This bid is to provide resources for crime prevention work, such as leaflets, card displays for cars and purse lanyards. Latest crime trends indicate a worrying increase in serious acquisitive crime and in many cases simple actions taken by community members can reduce the risk of them becoming a victim.

2.2 In the New Forest a relationship has developed between the communications officer and the media and New Forest community safety messages have received prominence and excellent coverage in various media channels. Communications work associated with serious acquisitive crime must focus on the raising awareness of developing crime trends e.g. distraction burglary of the vulnerable, purse theft from older ladies on market day and also give helpful crime reduction advice.

2.3 The channels for communication are not solely the printed word and in many cases recently the communications officer has utilised community hubs e.g. the recent rise in theft from vehicle in Milford on Sea and Barton on Sea was tackled using church newsletters and community gatekeepers to spread the word (including elected members) with display cards for cars available to pick up in the post offices; within two weeks over 1,000 cards were collected by the community.

3. Finance

- 3.1 The total funding allocation available to the New Forest HAT is £70,000.
- 3.2 The amount remaining following previous successful applications is £45,000.
- 3.2 The amount of funding requested is £2,500 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 Section 56 of the Local Government Act 1958 to make contributions to the expenditure of a District Council in Hampshire.

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 New Forest HAT Members following a HAT meeting on the 28 January 2011 and supports partnership working in the locality.
- 7.2 The County Council's Property, Business and Regulatory Services Department supports this funding request and recognises the importance of positive communications about crime prevention. The bid from the New Forest HAT combines additional communications with practical measures such as purse lanyards, and is targeted at areas of higher crime.
- 7.3 The Executive Lead Member for Communities and International Relations is a New Forest HAT Member and supported this funding request at the meeting. He is also the Chairman of the County Community Safety Group.

8. Recommendation

- 8.1 That the Executive Member for Communities and International Relations approves a sum of £2,500 to be awarded to New Forest District Council, via the Hampshire Action Team for New Forest, to provide resources for crime prevention work, for 2010/11 only, with no expectation of funding for future years.

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):	

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equalities Impact Assessment:

- 1.1 The community safety agenda addresses social and health inequalities particularly around the protection of the most vulnerable members of the community. and the reduction of

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

- 2.1 The community safety agenda aims for the reduction of alcohol and drug related crime and current communication work undertaken by the New Forest Community Safety Partnership promote the drug and alcohol treatment services available to prevent health related inequalities.

2.1 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.