

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Communities and International Relations
Date:	14 February 2011
Title:	Funding request from Bedhampton Volunteers via the Hampshire Action Team for East Central
Reference:	2599
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 £2,000 to Bedhampton Volunteers for local environmental improvements including graffiti removal, bulb planting and litter picking via the East Central Hampshire Action Team (HAT) Community Budget 2010/11.

2. Contextual information

2.1. Bedhampton Volunteers are a very active community group in Havant. They wish to build on existing work improving the local environment. Volunteers wish to clean up areas by litter picking and removing graffiti as well as improving areas by bulb planting and providing hanging baskets.

2.2. The proposal is fully outlined in the bid form attached as Appendix C.

3. Finance

3.1. The total funding allocation for the East Central HAT is £200,000. The amount currently remaining is £114,980.

3.2. The amount of funding requested is £2,000 which is a third of the total project cost, approximately £4,000 per year is generated from donations.

3.3. Checks have been made which confirm this is a bona fide organisation.

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;
- 4.2. The Bedhampton Volunteers fall under section b).

5. Monitoring

- 5.1. The intended outcomes of the project are outlined in the application form accompanying this report.
- 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 associated with this request.

7. Statements of Support

- 7.1. This application has majority support of the East Central HAT.
- 7.2. The Executive Member for Environment, Councillor Kendal, supports this application because of the environmental improvements implicit therein.
- 7.3. Senior officers from the County Council's Culture, Communities and Rural Affairs department have been consulted and are supportive as this is a pro active community project.
- 7.4. Senior officers from the County Council's Environment department have been consulted and are supportive. This is a welcome local initiative to improve the village environment and encourage ownership by the community. It is suggested that a plan indicating the programme of works is prepared for discussion and agreement with the Highway Authority and landowners. This plan could be used to engage the local community and garner contributions. This will be feedback to the Bedhampton Volunteers.

8. Recommendation

- 8.1. That the Executive Member for Communities and International Relations approves a sum of £2,000 to Bedhampton Volunteers for local environmental improvements from the East Central Hampshire Action Team Community Budget 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):	

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.)

DocumentLocation

None

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:**1. Equalities Impact Assessment:**

1.1. There are no adverse impacts arising from this report. The Volunteer group is open to all.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

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

3. Climate Change:

3.1. There are no adverse impacts arising from this report. Native species will be used for planting.