

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Decision Report

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Communities and International Relations
<b>Date:</b>	4 November 2010
<b>Title:</b>	Funding request from First Wessex Housing Group in Aldershot via the Hampshire Action Team (HAT) for Hart and Rushmoor.
<b>Reference:</b>	2170
<b>Report From:</b>	Chief Executive

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### 1. Executive Summary

1.1. The purpose of this paper is to seek approval for funding of £7,776 to First Wessex Housing Group for a job club and youth activities from the Hart and Rushmoor Hampshire Action Team Community Budget 2010/11 only, with no expectation for future years.

### 2. Contextual information

2.1. The proposal is to run two new community programmes in the Heron Wood area of Aldershot in the new community base. The Job Club will provide help to anyone over the age of 16 who is looking for work. Not only will residents be able to job search, they will also learn basic skills in order to become 'job ready'. The 3 hour weekly sessions are staffed by fully qualified tutor.

2.2. The project will also provide free Youth and Play provision that will run for 4 hours a week and will provide positive activities for 5-9 year olds and 10-14 year olds. All staff will be fully qualified and CRB checked (enhanced).

2.3. Both projects have been successfully run in other areas of Rushmoor. The proposal is fully outlined in the bid form attached as Appendix C.

### 3. Finance

3.1. The total funding allocation for the Hart and Rushmoor Hampshire HAT is £95,000. The amount currently remaining is £17,600.

- 3.2. The amount of funding requested is £7,776 which is the total project cost. The detail of the bid is set out in the application form accompanying this report (Appendix C).
- 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. This section includes First Wessex.

#### **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. Councillors Hindson and Perry and senior officers of the County Council have been consulted and no adverse comments have been received.
- 7.2. Pam Simpson, District Manager Education and Inclusion (Rushmoor) was consulted and said "Both proposed projects contained within the bid would help to address some of the key needs in Rushmoor and the Heron Wood area in particular. The Connaught School which serves the area has one of the highest proportion of NEETs in the county and the support from the job ready project could begin to tackle this with young people. The youth activities for the younger age groups is also needed. The level of deprivation in this particular part of Rushmoor is very significant. Such activities would begin to enable some of the children to open their horizons. In addition there has been and is a significant concern in the area in relation to social issues around asylum seekers and other ethnic minority youngsters, their families and successful integration into the area."

#### **8. Recommendation**

- 8.1. That funding of £7,776 to First Wessex Housing Association for a job club and youth activities from the Hart and Rushmoor Hampshire Action Team

Community Budget 2010/11 only is agreed, with no expectation for future years.

**CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:****Links to the Corporate Strategy**

<b>Hampshire safer and more secure for all:</b>	Yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
<b>Maximising well-being:</b>	Yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
<b>Enhancing our quality of place:</b>	No
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.)

<u>Document</u>	<u>Location</u>
None	

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

1.1. The projects will be open to all and participation from a range of backgrounds will be encouraged.

**2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:**

2.1. The youth and play provision will act as a diversionary activity for young people and will build links between young people and youth workers.

**3. Climate Change:**

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