

**HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL****Decision Report**

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Communities and International Relations
<b>Date:</b>	14 February 2011
<b>Title:</b>	Funding request from Havant Borough Council via the Hampshire Action Team for East Central
<b>Reference:</b>	2602
<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 £23,000 to Havant Borough Council for provision of an outdoor gym in Leigh Park via the East Central Hampshire Action Team (HAT) Community Budget.

### **2. Contextual information**

2.1. This project will supply and install 12 to 15 items of gym equipment for permanent installation outdoors plus associated works such as surfacing and ground works. The outdoor gym will be located within an existing leisure facility where an inspection and maintenance regime is already in place. The outdoor gym will be inspected and maintained under the umbrella of this existing service.

2.2. The outcomes of this project would be:

- more people, more active, more often
- free 24/7 facility which is easily accessible in a prominent destination site
- raises the profile of Leigh Park, increasing sense of community participation and decrease in anti-social behaviour
- compliments the existing facilities e.g. MUGA, Urban Cycle Track, Concrete Skate Park, Children's Equipped Play Area, Nature Area and Playable Landscape
- reducing childhood obesity
- reducing inequalities between areas with high and low deprivation scores,

### **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 £23,000 from a total project cost of £32,000. The remaining funding will come from Havant Borough Council. 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 or Borough Council in Hampshire.

#### **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 Lead Member for Children's Services, Councillor Roy Perry is supportive of the bid.
- 7.3. Senior officers from the County Council's Adult Services department have been consulted and are supportive as this will be a valuable local resource to encourage healthy lifestyles.
- 7.4. Senior officers from the County Council's Culture, Communities and Rural Affairs department have been consulted and are supportive as the outdoor gym in Leigh Park will help to address low physical activity levels in the area, a priority for the local area agreement. The project also aims to divert local young people away from disruptive, rowdy and inconsiderate behaviour. Levels of obesity and health issues linked to low levels of physical activity are much more prevalent in areas of relative disadvantage in Hampshire so this project is ideally suited to Leigh Park.

#### **8. Recommendation**

- 8.1. That the Executive Member for Communities and International Relations approves a sum of £23,000 to Phoenix Futures for domestic abuse work in East Hampshire via the East Central Hampshire Action Team Community Budget for 2010/11 only, with no expectation of funding 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>	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.)

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

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

1.1. The facility will be open to all local residents and full participation will be encouraged.

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

2.1. This project may have some impacts on anti social behaviour by providing local diversionary activities.

**3. Climate Change:**

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