

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Communities and International Relations
Date:	31 January 2011
Title:	Funding request from The Phoenix Theatre and Arts Centre for the Morgan's Organs drama project to combat childhood obesity via the Hampshire Action Team for East Central.
Reference:	2387
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 £3,000 to the Phoenix Theatre and Arts Centre to set up and run a healthy eating interactive theatre session in three schools in East Hampshire via the East Central Hampshire Action Team (HAT) Community Budget.

2. Contextual information

2.1. This is a PHSE (Personal Health and Social Education) based drama project aimed to combat Childhood Obesity and promote Healthy Eating and Exercise.

2.2. The project would be to be delivered initially to children for up to 3 project days in Primary and Junior Schools in East Hampshire. The workshops stimulate learning and encourage healthy eating and exercise. Workshops would run for 1 hour each throughout the school day and would be suitable for children 7 years plus.

2.3. The project will give the children the best possible start in life with an awareness of how to look after themselves sustaining healthy bodies. The Phoenix Theatre Company will engage Arts professionals to work with children during the school day with the *Morgan's Organs* drama project. The project features a large colourful character called Morgan. Each one of Morgan's organs takes on a character, for example Harriet Heart, Lily Liver and Stanley Stomach and many more. Children are able to participate in interactive drama workshops to explore the characteristics of each organ and

what each one requires to sustain a healthy body. The proposal is fully outlined in the bid form attached as Appendix C.

- 2.4. Checks have been made to verify that the Phoenix Theatre and Arts Centre is a bona fide organisation.

3. Finance

- 3.1. The total funding allocation for the East Central HAT is £200,000. The amount currently remaining is £147,690.
- 3.2. The amount of funding requested is £3,000 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. The Phoenix Theatre and Arts Centre has been awarded funding from the Arts Activity Grants at Hampshire County Council in 2010/11. In round one it was awarded £3,000 towards the programme of activities plus a £300 Business Partnership Grant. In Round two it was awarded £3,000 towards the Bordon & Whitehill Festival.
- 3.4. No specific funding had been given for this project aimed at tackling childhood obesity.

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 Phoenix Theatre and Arts Centre is a registered charity and therefore eligible for a grant under S137 (3).

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. Councillor Adam Carew, who is the local member and represents the County Council on the Board of the Phoenix Centre has been consulted and is supportive.
- 7.2. The Executive Lead Member for Children's Services, Councillor Perry is supportive of the project. Senior officers from the Culture Communities and Rural Affairs department are supportive of this project as it will assist with the delivery of the healthy weights local area agreement target which partners are continuing to work on. This target is likely to remain a priority in light of the joint area needs health assessment. This project will also assist with the delivery of Hampshire County Council's sport and physical activity strategic objective to increase participation amongst young people as well as the London 2012 legacy objective to engage more young people in an active lifestyle.

8. Recommendation

- 8.1. That the Executive Member for Communities and International Relations approves a sum of £3,000 to be awarded to the Phoenix Theatre and Arts Centre to set up and run a healthy eating interactive theatre session in three schools in East Hampshire via 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:	No
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Maximising well-being:	Yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Enhancing our quality of place:	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 programme will be open to all children at each school and full participation will be encouraged.

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.