

## 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 North Winchester Youth and Community Action via the Hampshire Action Team for East Central
<b>Reference:</b>	2651
<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 £16,970 to the North Winchester Youth & Community Action (NWYCA) for youth and community activities in Weeke via the East Central Hampshire Action Team Community Budget.

#### 2. Contextual information

2.1. North Winchester Youth & Community Action (NWYCA) is a voluntary organisation which was founded in April 2008. Its members have been active in gathering opinions within the community and aim to take these findings and give the community what it needs. NWYCA plan to increase volunteering within the community to address identified needs. NWYCA is currently applying for charitable status.

2.2. NWYCA have been providing youth services in the form of a once weekly youth club at a temporary home situated at a local secondary school. These sessions have been well attended with numbers steadily increasing since its launch in April 2009. These numbers have risen from 15 to 30. However NWYCA need to increase the number of volunteers as well as bring in experienced staff to maximise the impact of this project. None of the staff used are Hampshire County Council youth service staff. NWYCA are seeking to employ their own youth work staff and train them up to work with local young people. The registered charity Youth Clubs Hampshire and Isle of Wight will be giving recruitment support as well as supervision to staff and volunteers.

- 2.3. NWYCA want to design a user friendly community website giving people local information including partner info, schools, churches etc. They will be training volunteers to run and maintain the website.
- 2.4. NWYCA have run successful football fundays and would like to run four more in 2011. These events have given young people a safe environment in which to learn skills and develop team working and confidence.
- 2.5. NWYCA prides itself on being a community led organisation, to keep this focus and ensure the committee fully understand local feeling, they wish to run four consultation events in 2011 to give local people the chance to feed in and lead the community work.
- 2.6. In 2010 NWYCA held a big family event and would like to repeat this and develop the idea in 2011. This event would include partners and have activities for all ages and abilities. This year they would like to focus on intergenerational work to bring together different sections of the community and break down barriers.
- 2.7. The focus on these projects is using this funding to build in capacity for the future, eg staff and volunteering training, recruiting more local volunteers. The proposal is fully outlined in the bid form attached as Appendix C. Checks have been made to verify that the NWYCA 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 £114,980.
- 3.2. The amount of funding requested is £16,970 which is the total project cost. 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 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;NWYCA complies with point (b) above and is 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 and support of the local County Councillor, Councillor Phrynnette Dickens.

7.2. The Executive Lead Member for Children's Services, Councillor Perry is not supportive of the bid due to concerns raised by two Councillors over the amount requested, the local need and sustainability past the funding period. Senior officers from the Children's Services Department and the Culture, Communities and Rural Affairs Department (CCRA) have been consulted and no adverse comments have been received. Officers from CCRA are supportive as similar projects in other areas have worked very well and the group is very active locally.

## **8. Recommendation**

8.1. That the Executive Member for Communities and International Relations approves a sum of £16,970 to be awarded to the North Winchester Youth & Community Action (NWYCA) for youth and community activities in Weeke 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.)

DocumentLocation

None

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

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

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

2.1. Community events will link in with the local Police and community safety advice will be given.

**3. Climate Change:**

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