

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Decision Report

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Communities and International Relations
<b>Date:</b>	31 January 2011
<b>Title:</b>	Funding request for Rushmoor Healthy Living for a fuel poverty project via the Hampshire Action Team for Hart and Rushmoor
<b>Reference:</b>	2399
<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 £5,000 to Rushmoor Healthy Living for a fuel poverty advice project in Rushmoor via the Hart and Rushmoor Hampshire Action Team Community Budget.

#### 2. Contextual information

2.1. The aim of the project is to provide advice and support to people with energy debt so they can afford to keep their homes heated. The project will also provide information to assist with future energy consumption e.g. tariffs, insulation, etc.

2.2. Checks have been made to verify that Rushmoor Healthy Living is a bona fide organisation and is a registered charity.

#### 3. Finance

3.1. The total funding allocation for the Hart and Rushmoor HAT is £95,000. The amount currently remaining is £9,824.

3.2. The amount of funding requested is £5,000 from a total project cost of £14,000. 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.

4.2. Rushmoor Healthy Living 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 Hart and Rushmoor HAT.

7.2. The Executive Member for Adult Services, Councillor Hindson is supportive of the project, as are senior officers from the County Council's Adult Services department.

## **8. Recommendation**

8.1. That the Executive Member for Communities and International Relations approves a sum of £5,000 to be awarded to Rushmoor Healthy Living for a fuel poverty advice project in Rushmoor via the Hart and Rushmoor 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>	No
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.)

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. There are no adverse impacts arising from this report.

**3. Climate Change**

3.1. The energy advisors will advice clients on reducing the amount of energy used, including accessing relevant grants for insulation etc. Data about energy consumption is also taken and the figures fed back to the local council enabling them to collect energy usage data per household type for their own funding purposes.