

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Communities and International Relations
Date:	31 January 2011
Title:	Funding request from East Hampshire District Council for the Shipwrights Way footpath via the Hampshire Action Team for East Central
Reference:	2504
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 £14,500 to East Hampshire District Council for work on the Shipwrights Way (the section between Petersfield and Queen Elizabeth Country Park) via the East Central Hampshire Action Team Community Budget 2010/11.

2. Contextual information

2.1. The Shipwrights Way is a proposed multi user route which will be suitable for walkers, cyclists and where possible horse riders and disabled users. The aim is for it to be a long distance route intended to start from Bentley, onto Alice Holt, southwards to Bordon, Liphook, Liss, Petersfield, Burtion, and onto Queen Elizabeth Country Park.

2.2. The longer term ambition is to then extend the route into Havant where it can then link to existing routes onto the coast. Three quarters of the proposed route, identified in the feasibility study, will be off-road, utilising the rights of way network. It is anticipated that the project will take 5 years to complete.

2.3. The section between Petersfield and Queen Elizabeth Country Park has been identified as being a vital link for children who want to cycle between Petersfield and Buriton to get to school. This project will also compliment the traffic management work that has taken place in the centre of Buriton. The proposal is fully outlined in the bid form attached as Appendix C.

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 £14,500 towards a total project cost of £350,000. 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 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. This project is being carried out by Hampshire County Council and East Hants District Council in partnership.

7. Statements of Support

- 7.1. This application has majority support of the East Central HAT.
- 7.2. At her decision meeting in March 2010 the Executive Members for Culture and Recreation, Councillor Mrs Snaith-Tempia fully supported the project. Senior officers from the Culture Communities and Rural Affairs department have been consulted and no adverse comments were received. County Council Rights of Way officers also sit on the main steering group.

8. Recommendation

- 8.1. That the Executive Member for Communities and International Relations approves a sum of £14,500 to be awarded to East Hampshire District Council for work on the Shipwrights Way (the section between Petersfield and Queen Elizabeth Country Park) from the East Central Hampshire Action Team Community Budget 2010/11 only, with no expectation of funding for future years from the HAT budget.

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:	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 development will be accessible as the terrain allows. Paths will be clearly signed.

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.