

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Communities and International Relations
Date:	31 January 2011
Title:	Funding request from The Vine Centre in Aldershot for part funding of a key worker support project via the Hampshire Action Team for Hart and Rushmoor
Reference:	2453
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 Vine Centre in Aldershot towards their key worker support project in Rushmoor via the Hart and Rushmoor Hampshire Action Team (HAT) Community Budget for 2010/11 only.

2. Contextual information

2.1. The Vine is for homeless and vulnerable people aged 25 or over and is the only provision of its kind in the area. It also offers many opportunities for volunteers. As well as having housing problems, clients are often also struggling with mental health issues and/or an addiction to drugs or alcohol. The Vine currently has 477 clients active on their books. Of these 298 are Aldershot residents, 128 from Farnborough, 14 from other parts of Hampshire and 37 are out of area.

2.2. This bid is to support the existing key worker project in providing more one-to-one “key working” sessions with clients and to implement the “Outcomes Star” monitoring tool which is used nationally by homelessness organisations to help clients see the progress they are making.

2.3. Checks have been made to verify that The Vine is a bona fide organisation.

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 £3,000 this represents the total cost of this extension to existing services. The detail of the bid is set out in the application form accompanying this report (Appendix C).
- 3.3. The Vine have received an £8,000 grant from Hampshire County Council's Adult Services to fund core running costs in 2010/11 and have applied for a grant for next year.

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 Vine 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 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 £3,000 to be awarded to The Vine Centre towards their key worker support project in Rushmoor via the Hart and Rushmoor 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.)

DocumentLocation

None

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

1.1. The programme will be open to all local vulnerable adults 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.