

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Communities and International Relations
Date:	14 February 2011
Title:	Funding request from Winchester Action on Climate Change via the Hampshire Action Team for East Central
Reference:	2603
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 £10,000 to Winchester Action on Climate Change (WinACC) for a local Climate Action programme via the East Central Hampshire Action Team (HAT) Community Budget.

2. Contextual information

2.1. WinACC's is a registered charity working for a more equitable, more enjoyable and more resilient low carbon society across the district, with healthier lifestyles, stronger communities, and greater food and energy security. WinACC motivates and empowers people and organisations to accelerate the move to a low carbon society.

2.2. The primary aim of the Climate Action Programme (Local Communities) project is to support communities outside Winchester city centre to develop their own approach to climate change in their community in a way that brings people together for the benefit of the community, building across interests and across generations. The subsidiary aim is to provide volunteer "intern" posts that will enable local young people to gain skills and experience to help them subsequently find paid work.

2.3. 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 £114,980.

- 3.2. The amount of funding requested is £10,000 from a total project costs of £10,450. The additional funding will come from WinACC.

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. WinACC is a registered charity.

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.
- 7.2. The Executive Member for Environment, Councillor Kendal, supports the application as a contribution to Hampshire's overall lower carbon agenda.
- 7.3. Senior officers from the County Council's Environment department have been consulted and are supportive as WinACC's application could engage Winchester's local rural communities in their work on reducing the carbon footprint of the area by 20% by 2012. Their proposals to equip these communities with the skills and knowledge to maintain this initiative in later years mean that there will be a longer term effect to this grant than in just the year of expenditure.
- 7.4. Senior officers from the County Council's Culture, Communities and Rural Affairs department have been consulted and are supportive. Officers see this as an excellent cross-generational project that will involve at least six communities outside of the city are in rural Winchester. The community involvement potential is significant with its awareness raising theme on climate change as well as the involvement of young people who will benefit from this themed activity which should prove beneficial in their CV preparation.

8. Recommendation

- 8.1. That the Executive Member for Communities and International Relations approves a sum of £10,000 to Winchester Action on Climate Change (WinACC) for a local Climate Action programme from 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:	Yes
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. Participation of residents from a range of backgrounds will be encouraged, support will be available to all local residents.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

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

3. Climate Change:

3.1. This project will have significant impacts on Climate Change as detailed in the body of the report.