

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Decision Report

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Communities
<b>Date:</b>	27 September 2010
<b>Title:</b>	Funding request from the Gateway Project via the Hampshire Action Team (HAT) for Eastleigh and Fareham
<b>Reference:</b>	1975
<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 £10,000 to the Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity Church, Fareham from the Eastleigh & Fareham HAT Community Budget. The funding is to make up a shortfall in total funding required for The Gateway One Stop Community Shop in Fareham Park, Fareham.

### 2. Contextual information

2.1 The proposal is for a three-way partnership between the Church of England, Hampshire County Council and Fareham Borough Council to lease, fit out and operate a community 'One Stop Shop' in a currently vacant shop unit (previously 'Threshers') that is situated in the centrally located Highlands Road Shopping Precinct, Fareham Park. Fareham Park is the most deprived area of Fareham and sits in the bottom 5% of Local Super Output Areas of deprivation in England.

2.2 A detailed business plan has been provided for the project.

2.3 The lease for the property will be for six years, with a break clause at 3 years.

2.4 The project aims to create a social and accessible hub for the community and will offer a range of services /activities which are described in the application.

### 3. Finance

3.1 The total funding allocation available to the Eastleigh & Fareham HAT is £110,000.

3.2 The amount remaining following previous successful applications is £100,000.

- 3.3 On 26 July 2010 the Executive Member for Policy and Resources awarded a one-off sum of £50,000 to Holy Trinity Church in 2010/11 towards the running costs of The Gateway One Stop Community Shop in Fareham for the first three years from the Corporate Policy Fund (ref 1931). Fareham Borough Council have also awarded £50,000 to The Gateway One Stop Community Shop.
- 3.4 The Church is providing local staffing to equate to £100k over 3 years.
- 3.5 The estimated cost of this project is £110,000 for both one-off costs (refitting, furniture and IT provision) and annual costs (lease, utilities and IT costs). £100,000 has been secured as detailed above. There remains a shortfall of £10,000 which is the subject of this application.

#### **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. (Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity Church) 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. 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 the majority support of the whole HAT and supports partnership working in the locality.
- 7.2. The Director of Property Business Regulatory and IT Services has confirmed that the proposed costs to be incurred in relation to this proposal appear reasonable, and that it has not been possible to identify premises already in public ownership that would be suitable to fulfil this requirement. The application is therefore supported to supplement the existing approved funding for this project.

**8. Recommendation**

- 8.1. That the Executive Member for Communities approves a sum of £10,000 to be awarded to the Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity Church, Fareham, from the Eastleigh and Fareham HAT Community Budget for 2010/11 only, with no expectation 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):	

**Other Significant Links**

This application links to the delivery of Fareham's Sustainable Community Strategy.

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

1.1. There are no adverse implications.

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

2.1 The County Council has an obligation under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to consider the impact of all decisions it makes on the prevention of crime. The proposals in the application aim to improve the wellbeing of Hampshire residents and reduce the risk of crime occurring.

**3. Climate Change:**

a) How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?

The Gateway One Stop Shop should become an integral hub within the community and does not require residents to travel by vehicle, thus avoiding carbon emissions in accessing the shop.

b) How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?

Please see above.