

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Communities
Date:	27 September 2010
Title:	Funding request for Genesis Young Persons Centre via the Hampshire Action Team (HAT) for Eastleigh and Fareham
Reference:	1976
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 Hampshire Youth Services from the Eastleigh and Fareham HAT Community Budget. The funding would pay for the kitchen refurbishment of Genesis Young Persons Centre.

2. Contextual information

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- 2.1. This application is for a capital project that is needed and will benefit young people living in the 5 western wards of Fareham. The renovation will provide the young people and the local community with modern and appropriate kitchen facilities. Further details about the benefits and outcomes for the community are detailed in the supplementary information attached.
- 2.2. The current condition of the kitchen is described as kitchen cupboards having doors missing and drawers falling through. The kitchen floor is coming away from the sides and the electric hob stays very hot for a long time which is a concern.
- 2.3. Following the HAT meeting, enquiries have shown the property is owned by Fareham Borough Council and there is a management agreement with Hampshire County Council. The Centre is managed by Hampshire County Council under the terms of the agreement (attached). Fareham Borough Council have the repair and maintenance responsibilities for the interior of the centre. However the agreement is unclear about who bears the repair and maintenance responsibilities for fixtures and fittings, including the kitchen, and these responsibilities could fall to either the Borough Council or the County Council (the ambiguity arises because the agreement states that responsibility for fixtures and fittings falls to the Genesis Centre, however the

Centre is not a legal entity and can not therefore be responsible for this). However the kitchen floor and door would presumably come within Fareham Borough Council's responsibilities for the interior of the centre. Any of Fareham Borough Council's responsibilities would be to maintain and repair rather than to improve.

- 2.4 There is a new Management Committee comprising of : two County Councillors / HAT Members (Cllrs Woodward and Evans), two District Councillors, two user representatives and one local resident. Cllr Edgar is appointed to the Genesis Youth Centre Executive as a non-voting co-opted member until the Executive Member for Children's Services Decision Day following the Annual Meeting of the County Council in 2011.

3. Finance

- 3.1 The total funding allocation available to the Eastleigh and Fareham HAT is £110,000.
- 3.2 The amount remaining following previous successful applications is £100,000.
- 3.3 The amount of funding requested for this project is £10,000 and the details are set out in the application form accompanying this report. A detailed quote for the work has been provided – a total of 3 quotes were obtained originally.
- 3.4 Young people were successful in securing a YOF bid of £2,600 which has been used to buy a variety of equipment such as cameras etc. Approximately £1,600 was used on new kitchen equipment including crockery, pots, pans, kettle, toaster and microwave.
- 3.5 Initially there was an application for this work to Fareham Community Action Team which was put on hold. It is understood that this was because the new Management Committee had not been established. The project was then brought to the HAT by a HAT Member where it received Member support at a Fareham HAT workshop and again at a full Eastleigh and Fareham HAT meeting. The HAT was not directed to the issue of property ownership and responsibility.

4. Legal Implications

- 3.1. Pursuant to Section 111 of the Local Government Act 1972 the County Council has the power to do anything which is calculated to facilitate or is conducive or incidental to the discharge of any of its functions. The County Council is empowered to incur the proposed expenditure by virtue of Section 111.

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 total support of the whole HAT although the ownership and tenants responsibilities were not discussed.

7.2. Officers involved understand that the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services was supportive of the project in principle. The project has the full support of officers working in Children's Services in Fareham. Councillor Edgar and the Deputy Director of Children's Services (Children and Families) are both supportive of the application.

8. Recommendation

8.1. That the Executive Member for Communities approves a sum of £10,000 to be allocated to Hampshire Youth Services for Genesis Young Persons Centre, from the Eastleigh and Fareham Hampshire Action Team Community Budget for 2010/11 only, with no expectation 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):	

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. Genesis Young Persons Centre provides a range of activities for young people and supports positive work with young people. Indirectly this bid potentially helps reduce levels of crime and disorder.

3. Climate Change:

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

This project has no detrimental impact on climate change.

The Local Strategic Partnership (Network Fareham) has a thematic group – Fareham Environment and Transport Partnership whose top two priorities are reducing traffic congestion and tackling the impact of climate change.

This application directly supports the work of other thematic partnerships within the Local Strategic Partnership structure.

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.