

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Decision Report**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
Date:	9 March 2011
Title:	Gosport Waterfront Development
Reference:	2671
Report From:	Director of Property, Business and Regulatory Services

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this paper is to consider a request for financial assistance from Gosport Borough Council of £20,000 towards the redevelopment of Gosport Waterfront.

2. Contextual information

- 2.1 Gosport Borough Council along with two private partners who are also landowners on the Waterfront have commissioned a Masterplan to understand the potential for the redevelopment of Gosport Waterfront, and how their investment could contribute towards the regeneration of Gosport Town Centre. The initiative has the potential to regenerate Gosport's High Street and create 3,000 new jobs with an appropriate number of residential units to support the scheme. It is anticipated that the new ferry pontoon will open in March/April and the Borough Council are planning a public exhibition to showcase their vision and aspirations of Gosport Waterfront.
- 2.2 The scheme will be phased with the first being the redevelopment of the Bus Station and job creation areas.
- 2.3 This first phase will form a new gateway to Gosport, create a new transport interchange (BRT) and by its excellent urban design set the standard for the remainder of the waterfront and encourage private sector investment.
- 2.4 It is essential that the scheme secures the two deep water access points to Portsmouth Harbour. These are vitally important to the marine industry and in particular for the ocean going vessels.
- 2.5 Gosport Borough Council are currently in negotiations with both the Crown Estates and Defence Estates with a view to engaging both parties within the scheme.

- 2.6 This work will cost in total £150,000 with contributions of £23,750 from the private sector and the Borough has approached the County Council for financial assistance with this significant regeneration project. Gosport Borough Council has to date contributed £50,000 in funds.
- 2.7 The £20,000 funding will be used to conclude the design of first phase for the bus station and job creation areas and to prepare for a public exhibition.

3. Finance

- 3.1 The County Treasurer confirms that this grant can be accommodated from the Policy and Resources grants budget.

4. Legal Implications

- 4.1 The County Council has the power under S2 of the Local Government Act 2000 to do anything it considers it is likely to achieve the promotion or improvement of:

- The economic well-being of its area
- The environmental well-being of its area
- The Social well-being of its area.

- 4.2 This power includes the ability for the County Council to give financial assistance to any person

- 4.3 The proposed grant is likely to achieve the promotion or improvement of Gosport waterfront and enhance its cultural heritage and meets the aims and objectives of the County Council's Sustainable Community Strategy as the grant will provide opportunities for all the local community, by improving the infrastructure and services to support economic and housing growth whilst protecting the environment and quality of life.

5. Recommendation

- 5.1 That a grant of £20,000 be awarded towards the Gosport Waterfront Development from the Policy and Resources grants budget for 2010/11 and officers from PBRS and Environment liaise with the Borough Council over the management of the project at an appropriate time.

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.)

DocumentLocation

None

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equalities Impact Assessment:

1.1. An equalities impact assessment has been considered in the development of this report and no adverse impact has been identified.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

2.1. The County Council has a legal obligation under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to consider the impact of all the decisions it makes on the prevention of crime. The proposals in this report have no impact on the prevention of crime

3. Climate Change:

3.1. The redevelopment will be designed with energy efficiency at the forefront.