

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Cabinet
<b>Date:</b>	29 March 2010
<b>Title:</b>	Hampshire Action Teams: Community Budgets and Procedures for Authorisation of Expenditure and Monitoring
<b>Reference:</b>	1443
<b>Report From:</b>	Chief Executive

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### 1. The decision:

- a) That the £700,000 allocated to the Hampshire Action Teams' (HATs) Community Budget in the annual budget for 2010-2011 be allocated to each HAT in the proportions set out in paragraph 2.3 of the supporting report and that there will be no automatic roll over of funds into the following financial year(s).
- b) That authorised expenditure from the HATs Community Budget will be for one year only with no automatic commitment for continuation of that expenditure in future years.
- c) That the Cabinet approves the process and recommendation requirements set out in the supporting report for administering the HATs Community Budget, specifically that:
  - i) discussions be undertaken with other Executive Members and departments relating to the proposed project as appropriate; and
  - ii) that the process undertaken by each HAT is to reach a majority agreement of the whole HAT on the recommendation to the Executive Member for Communities or the Executive Member for Policy and Resources only and as set out in decisions d) and e) below.
- d) That the Executive Member for Communities be responsible for authorising any single recommendation for expenditure from each HAT from their proportion of the Community Budget on projects up to an aggregate limit of £25,000 per HAT.
- e) That the Executive Member for Policy and Resources be responsible for authorising any single recommendation for expenditure from each HAT from

their proportion of the Community Budget on projects over £25,000.

- f) That the Annual Report to Council on HATs should contain full details of all expenditure from the HATs Community Budget.
- g) That the arrangement and resource requirements for administering the HATs Community Budget set out in the supporting report be approved.

**2. Reason(s) for the decision:**

- 2.1. To confirm the individual budget allocations for each HAT from the Community Budget for the year 2010-11 only.
- 2.2. To establish a Scheme of Authorisation to facilitate the recommendation of expenditure by each whole HAT of their proportion of the Community Budget.

**3. Other options considered and rejected:**

- 3.1. Not to have a Community Budget. This option was rejected as the Community Budget supports projects that communities want to improve, for example, their quality of life and enhances partnership working.
- 3.2. HATs do not have delegated Executive Powers nor are they formally constituted as Committees of the County Council. As such, HATs are not able to make decisions or formally authorise expenditure on behalf of the County Council. The decision to approve expenditure must therefore be made by an Executive Member. Not to have an approved Scheme of Authorisation to facilitate expenditure from the Community Budget was therefore rejected.

**4. Conflicts of interest:**

- 4.1 Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None
- 4.2 Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: None

**5. Dispensation granted by the Standards Committee:** Not applicable.

**6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent:** Not applicable.

**7. Statement from the Decision Maker:**

<b>Approved by:</b>  -----	<b>Date:</b>  <b>29 March 2010</b>
<b>Chairman of the Cabinet Councillor T K Thornber, CBE</b>	