

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Decision Report

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| <b>Decision Maker:</b> | Executive Member For Communities and International Relations                                  |
| <b>Date:</b>           | 4 November 2010   |
| <b>Title:</b>          | Funding request from the Knightwood Youth Club via the Hampshire Action Team for Test Valley. |
| <b>Reference:</b>      | 2185  |
| <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 to the Knightwood Youth Club of £5,800 to support the set up costs of a new Youth Club in Valley Park, Test Valley.

#### 2. Contextual information

2.1 Knightwood Youth Club aims to provide good quality and enjoyable youth club sessions in a safe, friendly environment for young people living in the area of Valley Park.

2.2 Knightwood Youth Club aims to give the young people of the area opportunities to try new activities such as sport, art & craft or other leisure pursuits to gain self-esteem and new skills.

2.3 The project has secured £2,000 from Valley Park Parish Council and £2,000 from Councillor Dowden, the local Hampshire County Councillor through his devolved budget scheme.

#### 3. Finance

3.1 The total funding allocation available to the Test Valley HAT is £55,000.

3.2 The amount remaining following previous successful applications is £37,500.

3.2 The amount of funding requested is £5,800 and the detail of the bid is set out in the application form accompanying this report (Appendix C).

#### **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;

Knightwood Youth Club is a voluntary body providing a public service otherwise than for gain and is 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 (highlighted in page 2).

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 to report.

#### **7. Statements of Support**

7.1 This application has the majority support of the Test Valley HAT Members and supports partnership working in the locality. Councillor Dowden declared an interest in the project as a member of the Knightwood Youth Club Management Committee in the funding request when it was discussed at a HAT meeting on the 24 September 2010.

7.2 Senior Officers in the County Council's Children's Services Department are aware of this application and are in support of this project.

7.3 The Executive Lead Member for Children's Services, Councillor Perry, as a Test Valley Hampshire Action Team Member is fully support of this funding request

#### **8. Recommendation**

8.1 That £5,800 of funding be awarded to Knightwood Youth Club via the Hampshire Action Team for Test Valley, to support the set up costs of a new Youth Club in Valley Park, for 2010/11 only.

**CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:****Links to the Corporate Strategy**

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| <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): |     |

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

- 1.1 There is an absence of suitable youth provision for our target group in the area, hence the need for raising the financial support necessary to create a youth club of the kind proposed.

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

- 2.1 Valley Park is a relatively affluent area, but has a history of alcohol misuse and low level anti social behaviour amongst its young people. Knightwood Youth Club will actively encourage healthy life styles for the young people resident in Valley Park. Specifically, the project will focus on education against alcohol and substance misuse, smoking and inappropriate sexual behaviour.

**3. Climate Change:**

- a) How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?
- b) How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?

There are no impacts arising from this report.