

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Member For Communities and International Relations
Date:	31 January 2011
Title:	Funding request from Romsey School and Winton School to support the work of the two Local Children's Partnerships via the Hampshire Action Team for Test Valley
Reference:	2483
Report From:	Chief Executive

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1. Executive Summary

1.1 The purpose of this paper is to seek approval for funding to Romsey School and Winton School on behalf of the two Local Children's Partnerships (LCPs), one in the North and one in the South of Test Valley for £10,000 to support the work of the two LCPs, via the Hampshire Action Team for Test Valley.

2. Contextual information

2.3 The ongoing challenge of improving Children's Services across Test Valley is led by the two Local Children's Partnerships (LCPs). One based in the south reaching out from Romsey and the other in the north which includes the Test Valley School in Stockbridge and all the services to the north.

2.4 The LCPs are there to address initial priorities established by the Hampshire Children's Trust Board. These include addressing rates of teenage conception, ensuring vulnerable children and safeguarded and all children have the opportunity to achieve their best.

2.5 There are a number of time limited initiatives at risk with partners, these include Parent Support Advisers- who work in the most deprived areas of the Borough and Extended Services- which are additional services which have been established over recent years in a range of settings including school premises and local community venues.

2.6 The Northern Test Valley LCP has agreed that the funding will be used to support the Test Valley Support Team Attachment Project . The project centres around the importance of first time parents making strong attachments with their children. Experience has shown that poor attachment is a contributory factor to later concerns around emotional resilience, attendance, behaviour and attainment. The project will be based at the Spring Meadow Children's Centre which serves the most disadvantaged area in Test Valley.

2.7 The Southern Test Valley LCP will be considering projects at their meeting on 27 January 2011 to determine how the funding will be used and this will be reported at the decision day on the 31 January.

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 £26,200.

3.2 The amount of funding requested is £10,000 and the detail of the bid is set out in the application form accompanying this report (Appendix C).

4. Legal Implications

4.2 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. Hampshire County Council is the Local Education Authority and it is ancillary to this function that S111 justifies the expenditure.

5. Monitoring

5.1 The intended outcomes of the project are outlined in the application form accompanying this report (highlighted in page 3).

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 following a HAT meeting on the 6 January 2011 and supports partnership working in the locality.

7.2 Senior Officers in Hampshire County Council Children's Services support this bid by the two LCP partnerships. If the bid is successful the two LCP' s will receive £5,000 each. This amount will be an integral part of developing and continuing the initiatives identified in the bid with other stakeholders contributing to the costs. This will ensure that this essential work is

sustainable within the LCP' s so that the more vulnerable children and families within our communities are receiving highly effective support so that children achieve much better outcomes throughout their school lives.

- 7.3 The Executive Lead Member for Children's Services, Councillor Perry has been consulted and is in full support of this funding request.

8. Recommendation

- 8.1. That the Executive Member for Communities and International Relations approves a sum of £10,000 to be awarded to Romsey School and Winton School via the Hampshire Action Team for Test Valley to support the work of the LCPs for 2010/11 only, with no expectation of funding 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):	

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

1.1 Many of the services supported by the LCPs are designed to tackle inequalities including teenage conception and the leisure and recreational need of disabled children. By providing extended services partners have been able to help families access employment through provision of child care and holiday activity programmes and address the main determinates of poverty through educational attainment and parental engagement.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

2.1 There are no adverse implications.

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.