

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Member For Communities and International Relations		
Date:	11 March 2011		
Title:	Funding request Lymington and Pennington Town Council via the Hampshire Action Team for New Forest		
Reference:	2639		
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 £10,707 to Lymington and Pennington Town Council to purchase a disabled pool lift and playground equipment for disabled children, via the Hampshire Action Team for New Forest.

2. Contextual Information

2.1 This funding request is for two items, the first of which is a pool lift to assist disabled swimmers to enter and exit the Sea Water Baths at Lymington. The portable version places less strain on the pool surround and can be used in various parts of the pool. It can be moved to an electricity supply for charging. The cost is £5,845 including delivery, with no installation required.

2.2 The second item is an item of playground equipment suitable for disabled children at Woodside Gardens Playground in Lymington. The most suitable item identified is the Orbit, which is a roundabout which can be used by disabled and non disabled children alike. The cost for the Orbit roundabout including delivery and installation is £4,862.

2.3 Lymington and Pennington Town Council will include the equipment in its normal maintenance schedule.

3. Finance

3.1 The total funding allocation available to the New Forest HAT is £70,000.

3.2 The amount remaining following previous successful applications is £45,000.

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

- 4.1 The County Council has the power under Section 111 of the Local Government Act 1972 to advance the sums requested as the purchase of the equipment is incidental to the County Councils functions.

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 New Forest HAT Members following a HAT meeting on the 28 January 2011 and supports partnership working in the locality.
- 7.2 The County Council's Culture, Communities and Rural Affairs Department support this request as the pool lift will significantly improve access for disabled people. The roundabout also provides much needed accessible play provision for disabled children in the area.
- 7.3 The Executive Member for Communities and International Relations, Cllr Mans is a Member of the New Forest HAT and attended the HAT meeting on the 28 January where he gave his support to this funding request.

8. Recommendation

- 8.1 That the Executive Member for Communities and International Relations approves a sum of £10,707 to be awarded to Lymington and Pennington Town Council to purchase a disabled pool lift and playground equipment for disabled children, via the Hampshire Action Team for New Forest, 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 This funding request would assist disabled people to enjoy swimming at the Lymington Sea Water Baths. The funding request is also for the purchase of an item of playground equipment so that disabled children can interact with other children in the town's parks. This funding request for the disabled pool lift and playground equipment for disabled children addresses social inequity in the area.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

2.1 There are no adverse implications

2.1 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.