

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Member For Communities and International Relations
Date:	4 November 2010
Title:	Funding request from Aldworth Science College via the Hampshire Action Team (HAT) for Basingstoke and Deane.
Reference:	2183
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 £12,000 to support the establishment of Young Carers Groups in eight secondary schools for children aged 11-16 years old (£1,500 per school) in Basingstoke and Deane, via the Hampshire Action Team for Basingstoke and Deane.

2. Contextual information

2.1 A Young Carer is a person under the age of 18 years who provides care for another person, most commonly a parent or brother or sister, because that person has an illness or disability.

2.2 The 2001 Census showed that there are 3,300 young people in Hampshire in this situation and many may feel alone or isolated and unable to talk to anyone about their situation.

2.1. Young Carers have to cope alone with all the caring, shopping, washing and taking younger siblings to school and because they are unable to cope this is manifested often in poor behaviour, outbursts of anger, erratic concentration in lessons and poor attendance.

2.2. Supporting Young Carers groups will address a social inequality and help to improve the attendance of these children and their educational outcomes. They are also less likely to become not in education, employment or training (NEETs) if supported while at school and during transition to college or employment.

2.3. Aldworth Science College applied on behalf of the Local Children's Partnership (LCP) and will manage the funding on behalf of the eight schools.

3. Finance

- 3.1 The total funding allocation available to the Basingstoke and Deane HAT is £70,000.
- 3.2 The amount remaining following previous successful applications is £34,000.
- 3.3 The amount of funding requested is £12,000 and the detail of the bid is set out in the application form accompanying this report (Appendix C).

4. Legal Implications

- 4.1 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 Basingstoke and Deane HAT Members and supports partnership working in the locality. No HAT Members declared an interest when the funding bid was discussed at a HAT meeting on the 8 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, has been consulted and is fully supportive of the project.

8. Recommendation

- 8.1. That £12,000 of funding be awarded to Aldworth Science College on behalf of eight secondary schools, from the Basingstoke and Deane HAT Community Budget to support the establishment of young carers groups for 2010/11 only.

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. Young Carers are a socially disadvantaged group of young people who tend to underachieve. Their attendance and punctuality can be affected by their role as a carer. They are also emotionally vulnerable.
- 1.2. Supporting Young Carers groups will address a social inequality and help to improve the attendance of these children and educational outcomes. They are also less likely to become NEETs if supported while at school and during transition to college or employment.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

- 2.1. By providing young carers groups at schools potentially may help reduce levels of crime and disorder.

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.