

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Member For Communities and International Relations		
Date:	11 March 2011		
Title:	Funding request from Community First New Forest via the Hampshire Action Team for New Forest		
Reference:	2637		
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 £9,200 to Community First New Forest to fund a New Forest Young Carers Student Assistant Programme (SAP) emotional support programme, via the Hampshire Action Team for New Forest.

2. Contextual Information

2.1 The New Forest Young Carers Service run by Community First New Forest currently supports over 70 Young Carers and their families. However, this is just the tip of the iceberg – a recent questionnaire carried out at a school identified almost 30 young people with caring responsibilities. Around half of them were not previously known to the school.

2.2 As the service is expanded within schools, the expectation is that these numbers will be replicated having an obvious impact on the service. The proposal for this is to offer a new form of light touch support which has been trialled by two other Hampshire-based Young Carers services (Winchester and Andover).

2.3 The Student Assistance Programme (SAP) emotional support has proved to be a very effective way of empowering vulnerable young people and equipping them with the life skills they need to cope with the challenges they face.

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 £9,200 and the detail of the bid is set out in the application form accompanying this report (Appendix C).

4. Legal Implications

4.2 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;

Community First New Forest is a registered Charity and 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 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 Children's Services Department supports this requesting request, which will enable the Project to develop in line with the priorities of the New Forest Local Children's Partnership enabling a service to be provided to this vulnerable group of children and young people.

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

8. Recommendation

- 8.1 That the Executive Member for Communities and International Relations approves a sum of £9,200 to be awarded to Community First New Forest to fund a New Forest Young Carers Student Assistant Programme (SAP) emotional support programme, 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 bid will offer support to children and young people between the ages of 8 and 18 living in the New Forest area. As they will have been identified as having caring responsibilities, it is highly likely that a large proportion of them will be suffering from social and/or economic inequalities –at the current time, approximately 70% of the YC already on our books receive free school meals.

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.