

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Member For Communities and International Relations		
Date:	11 March 2011		
Title:	Funding request from Marchwood Parish Council via the Hampshire Action Team for New Forest		
Reference:	2638		
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 £10,000 to Marchwood Parish Council to part fund a youth centre in Marchwood, via the Hampshire Action Team for New Forest.

2. Contextual Information

2.1 The new youth centre will have a very positive impact on the community as it will be a focal point and meeting place for all the youngsters of the village. For instance, the Youth Group, Scouts, Guides etc will have a permanent base to operate from, giving them a place to meet, socialise and seek advice as well as providing a venue for local community groups to use during the day.

2.2 The local Youth Group at present has no meeting area and the youth worker has to do detached youth work namely 'street meets'.

2.3 Total costs of the youth centre are in the region of £250,000. At present Marchwood Parish Council has secured funds of £150,000 from section 106 monies and £85,000 from New Forest District Councils' youth grant scheme. The building will be rented out to the various youth groups and the income will be used to maintain the building and equipment with no profit expected.

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 Children's Services Department supports this funding request, which will enhance the services for young people in this area and enable them to participate in activities that might otherwise not be available to them.

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

8. Recommendation

8.1 That the Executive Member for Communities and International Relations approves a sum of £10,000 be awarded to Marchwood Parish Council to part fund a youth centre in Marchwood, 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 There is no current facility within the village. This would help with anti-social behaviour and help meet social need. This also being a rural village with limited public transport facilities. The area the youth building is to be sited is within easy access of the schools. It is also accessible to the youngsters from the travellers/Gypsy site. It will also enable young children and young adults to be in a safe environment in which to meet

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

2.1 The Youth Facility would provide positive activities for young people that may distract from taking part in incidents of anti social behaviour.

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.