

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Decision Report**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Communities and International Relations
Date:	31 January 2011
Title:	Funding request for social meeting areas in West End, Hedge End and Hamble-le-Rice via the Hampshire Action Team for Eastleigh and Fareham
Reference:	2344
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 £19,730 to create social meeting areas in West End, Hedge End and Hamble-le-Rice by building patio areas with heavy duty benches. These monies to be met from the Eastleigh and Fareham HAT Community Budget.

2. Contextual information

2.1. The project is to create patio areas outside three Youth Centres and place heavy duty picnic tables on them for young people to use as meeting tables. The tables to be used have seating and also have space for wheelchairs users.

2.2. A small area outside BOX Youth Centre, Hedge End is paved and has proved very popular.

2.3. The Youth Centres at Hedge End and Hamble-le-Rice are owned by Hampshire County Council. West End Youth Centre is owned by West End Parish Council and the County Council manage the staff as a partnership agreement. West End Parish Council have given permission for the works.

2.4. Work has already commenced on two of the sites and this has been funded through Eastleigh Borough Council and the Parish Councils.

2.5. The areas will provide a safe area for young people to gather and should not have a negative impact on local residents. The areas will provide appropriate places for young people to gather and will help youth workers further engage and support young people.

- 2.6. This project cannot be funded through mainstream Youth Team budgets and can only be delivered if funded through the HAT. West End Parish Council own and look after the building. There are no anticipated maintenance costs for the benches/patio areas. The relationship between Hampshire County Council and West End Parish Council is one of working together to meet the same objectives.

3. Finance

- 3.1 The total funding allocation available to the Eastleigh and Fareham HAT is £110,000.
- 3.2 The amount remaining following previous successful applications is £31,100.
- 3.3 The amount of funding requested for this project is £19,730 and the details are set out in the application form accompanying this report.

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. The County Council is empowered to incur the proposed expenditure by virtue of Section 111.

5. Monitoring

- 5.1 The intended outcomes of the project are outlined in the application form accompanying this report. 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 associated with this request.

7. Statements of Support

- 7.1. This application has total support of the whole HAT and supports partnership working in the locality.
- 7.2. Eastleigh Borough Council has a local Area Committee structure. The relevant Committee Chairmen all support the project as does the local Police Chief Inspector and Community Safety Manager.
- 7.3. The District Service Manager, Children's Services, supports this application as it will further encourage young people to develop a strong association with the various youth centres and in particular help further engagement in the range of targeted services on offer during the planned opening times. It adds an open access and community focus to what would otherwise be more limited part-time provision.

7.4. The Executive Lead Member for Children's Services supports this application.

8. Recommendation

8.1. That the Executive Member for Communities and International Relations approves a sum of £19,730 to be awarded for social meeting areas in West End, Hedge End and Hamble-le-Rice, from the Eastleigh and Fareham Hampshire Action Team Community Budget 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 are no adverse implications.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

2.1. This project compliments the work and aims of Eastleigh Community Safety Partnership to help reduce levels of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour. The project will provide safe and appropriate meeting places for young people.

3. Climate Change:

a) How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?

This project has no detrimental impact on climate change.

b) How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?

Please see above.